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Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to foreword this very unique atlas covering airway reclaiming surgeries. Managing a compromised airway is difficult and requires accurate diagnosis, and meticulous execution of the planned endoscopic and/or surgical interventions. Open techniques are delicate and require adequate training and typically have long learning curves. Mastering of these interventions is best done on animal models and simulating each of the surgical steps. *More you do – better you get* and hence, it is indeed very interesting to try sharpening the surgical skills on animal models as many times before using them in our patients.

The authors have done a commendable job in presenting the anatomy of their animal model, its preparation before the simulation exercises and have given an elaborate description of the various airway surgeries. Every chapter has several illustrations which didactically explain each and every surgical step involved. This atlas is useful to the novice and experienced airway surgeon, and also to all the members of a dedicated airway team responsible in the management of such critically ill patients. It indeed is a *must-have* to all those wanting to start these very difficult interventions – especially when the best chance for the patient lies in the first intervention.

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