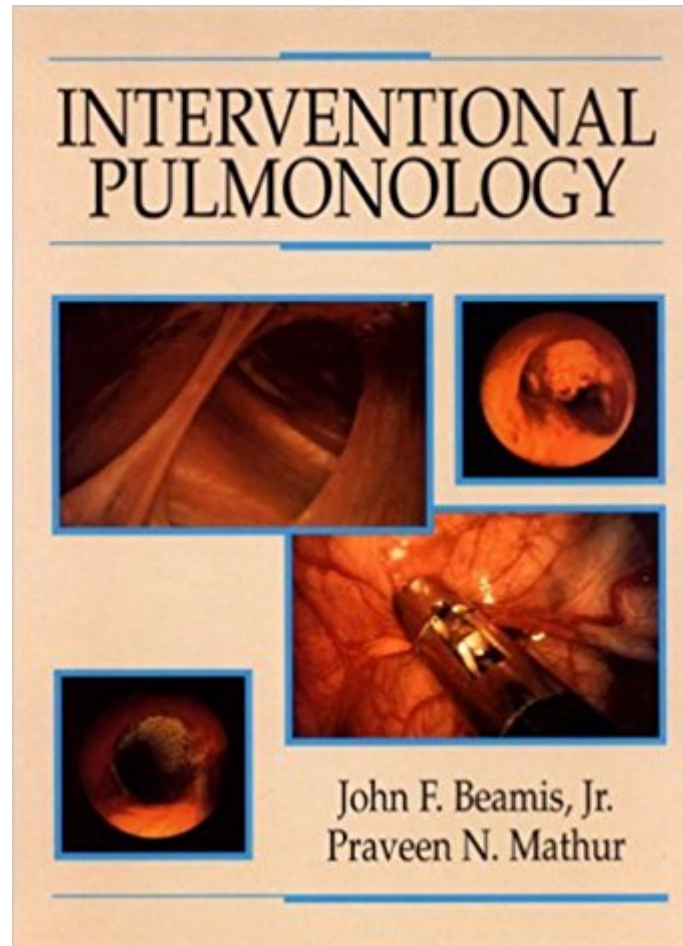




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This practical step-by-step guide outlines diagnostic and therapeutic procedures using bronchoscopic and thoracoscopic techniques. This book is the first to combine both of these endoscopic interventional procedures within a single cover. Emphasis is given to indications, contraindications, safe management and practical use in the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of pulmonary disorders. Extensive line art illustrates various procedures and the book also includes bronchoscopy and thoracoscopic views in both color and black and white.

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of the book, "Therapeutic Bronchoscopy", covers all the interventional techniques having been used so far for intraluminal surgery of major airways, including mechanical methods, high-frequency electric surgery, high-power laser surgery, cryosurgery, brachytherapy, and all kinds of airway stenting. Such a wide range of thorough review, at the best of my knowledge, hasn't yet been performed in any other manual. Each chapter, after a detailed review of various kinds of techniques to use this or that method, is completed by a "How I Do It" section where the authors present a very descriptive characteristic of their own preferred "know-how"; this truly practical approach is hard to be overestimated, especially for less experienced specialists. The chapters describing general techniques of flexible and rigid bronchoscopy, indications, contraindications, and principles of choice between one and another in certain clinical situations, as well as technical maintenance of endoscopic equipment, might be of particular value for novices.

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