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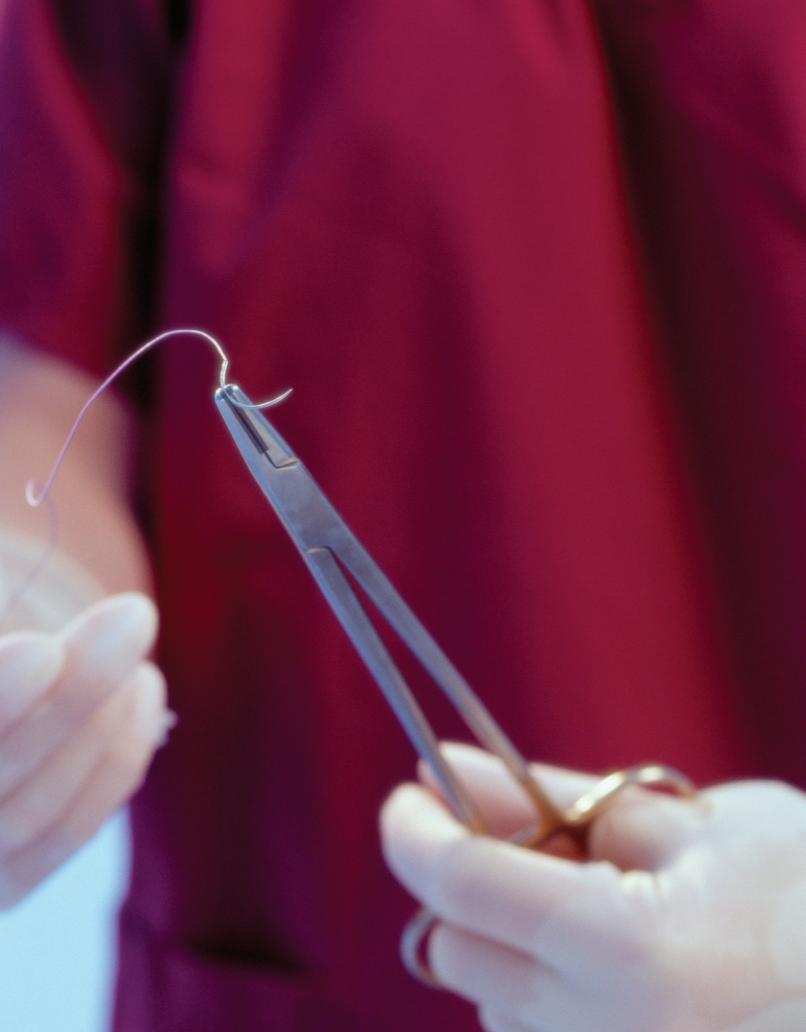


inor surgery is a generic term encompassing a variety of elective and emergency procedures. The term minor surgery can be misleading, as these operations are far from trivial and serious consequences can arise. Therefore, minor surgery requires due care and consideration. This book provides an overview of minor surgical techniques and common minor surgical procedures.

The first half of the book deals with general principles of minor surgery. These include non-technical factors, for example, how to deal with patients and their families, consent, and technical considerations such as asepsis, wound closure and choice of suture material. The second half of the book covers common minor procedures in both the elective and emergency setting.

This book does not attempt to provide an exhaustive review of minor surgery, but rather to provide a useful starting point to adjunct clinical learning for those embarking on minor surgery, including surgical trainees, GPs and emergency medicine physicians.

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