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Synopsis
Decision Making for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery provides the critical tools needed to
determine exactly when, for whom, and why minimally invasive spine surgery (MISS) is a viable
option. Ten tightly focused chapters each begin with a decision making algorithm that explains how
to ascertain if MISS will benefit the patient more than traditional open surgery. Following each
algorithm, concise yet detailed information on the preoperative evaluation, surgical techniques, and
possible outcomes helps the reader to formulate a clear surgical strategy. The book closes with an
incisive analysis of radiosurgery, instrumentation systems, image guidance, and promising
advances in MISS that will stimulate further discussion of this emerging area. Features: A realistic
assessment of both the advantages and drawbacks of MISS by pioneers in the field Evaluative
algorithms allow readers to form rapid, fully informed treatment decisions. Intuitive organization by
spinal region facilitates quick reference. Spine surgeons, residents, or fellows in orthopedic surgery
or neurosurgery will refer to this easily accessible manual every time they consider performing a
minimally invasive spine procedure. “This is an excellent book with no comparisons, useful for
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place in your briefcase even though it reads like a major textbook. I use it to prepare for cases. The
authors should be congratulated for being the first to provide an honest appraisal of the advantages
and disadvantages of MIS. A must for anyone endeavoring in minimally invasive spine surgery.

I purchased this book because it was written by Fessler. What a waste of time and paper. There is nothing original in this book. This soft-cover book is small enough to fit in my lab coat. The pictures look like they were copied from a manufacturer’s device monograph. Don’t waste your time or money. There are better references available.

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