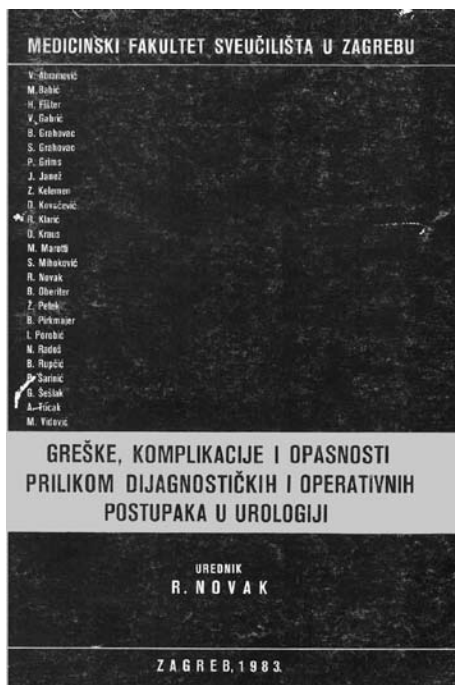


## ON NOTABLE BOOKS IN OUR HISTORY



*Errors, complications and risks of diagnostic and operative procedures in urology*

This unpretentious book, nowadays perceived so especially for its simple graphic design, contains interesting and valuable texts for many, in particular young professionals, since one of the topics is, as Professor Ruder Novak says, “daily urology”. In 1983, when the book was printed, Professor Novak was head of the Clinical Department of Urology and wrote Preface for the book entitled *Greške, komplikacije i opasnosti prilikom dijagnostičkih i operativnih postupaka u urologiji* (Errors, complications and risks of diagnostic and operative procedures in urology). According to Professor Novak, “daily urology” means complications in diagnostic and surgical procedures, unusual and bizarre cases, or foreign bodies left behind after

urologic operations. At the time, our Clinical Department of Urology was included in the School of Medicine teaching activities and was involved in the organization of postgraduate courses that were held annually with participation of experts from other parts of the country or from abroad. This book brings papers from the fifth postgraduate course hosted and co-organized by the Department of Urology, Regional Medical Center in Doboj, headed by Head Doctor Petar Šarinić, MD. Besides “daily urology”, other papers (18 in total) speak about complications in endoscopic surgery, prostatectomy, neovascular surgery, etc., as well as about the misconceptions, problems and errors in urologic diagnosis. In his Preface, Professor Novak explains that, owing to technological advances, the then urology has expanded considerably in its diagnostic and surgical aspects, thus opening some almost unknown problems. As he briefly says: “The great choice of operative and other therapeutic options may frequently be confusing and lead to errors, while increasing the frequency of a multitude of complications. At the same time, these great modern diagnostic possibilities in urology show their extent, as well as mistakes and errors”<sup>1</sup>.

As responsible physicians, our urologists together with urologists from other institutions present their problems and tend to objectively answer which procedures and methods are really justified.

Concerning “daily urology”, at the end of his paper on unusual cases from urologic practice, Head Doctor Branko Oberiter has invited the colleagues to collect documentation on unusual cases encountered in their work and report them in professional journals<sup>2</sup>. It would be quite interesting to compare this paper with current publications on the topic to see whether things have changed and if so, to what extent.

At the end of his Preface, Professor Novak expresses his regret for the impossibility of printing all

the participants' discussions, as it would be another proof of the course success.

We do hope that both the course participants and the readers have accepted the authors' advice with time and persisted in solving the problems encountered. It has happened indeed, as witnessed by numerous papers and books, e.g., *Odabrana poglavlja iz urologije* (Selected chapters in urology) and others.

This book has one more interesting aspect that is not found elsewhere. Namely, as the book was printed in Bosnia, at Borje Company from Teslić, besides editorial function, Professor Ruđer Novak had to take over the functions of language editing and proof reading, and he did it successfully, so that the book could be printed as an interesting publication witnessing the development of our urology.

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