



Percutaneous Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty

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Since the first edition of this book was published in 2002, there have been many advances in our knowledge of percutaneous vertebroplasty (PV), particularly about how to perform the procedure more safely and how to approach more complex case situations. Additionally, materials that were initially used off label or that simply were not FDA approved have completed their governmental review and have received FDA approval. This has increased the legitimacy of the procedure from the legal and reimbursement perspective. Controversy over height restoration and device selection has become a progressively bigger issue over time. Kyphoplasty (balloon assisted vertebroplasty) has received tremendous emphasis. This book compares and contrasts data and claims that differentiate kyphoplasty from percutaneous vertebroplasty. We also look at other methods that potentially can be used for height restoration. New procedures that deal with bone augmentation in other anatomic regions have evolved (i.e., sacroplasty) and are discussed. As this revolution in image-guided percutaneous bone augmentation has developed, multiple medical specialties have embraced these procedures in their training programs for both residents and practicing physicians.

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