

Dr. Carlson co-writes book on minimally invasive surgery

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A new book on minimally invasive surgery by UNMC's Mark Carlson, M.D, is likely the first full-length operative atlas to include video on how to perform each of the procedures described in the text.

Titled "Atlas of Minimally Invasive Surgery," the book and videos were the fruit of two years of work by Dr. Carlson and his co-editor, Constantine Frantzides, M.D., a professor of surgery at Northwestern University.

"Because of the videos, our book will help surgeons get a better idea of what they will encounter when they perform these operations," said Dr. Carlson, an associate professor in the UNMC Department of Surgery.

The book covers about 30 types of minimally invasive surgery procedures and DVDs that come with the book contain 10-20 minute videos on each procedure.

Among the operations covered in the book are minimally invasive procedures for the esophagus, stomach, small bowel, colon and rectum, hepatobiliary system, pancreas and spleen, kidneys and adrenal glands and hernias.

About 40 expert surgeons from around the world contributed to the book and the DVDs feature narration from Robert Condon, M.D., who was Dr. Carlson's chairman while he served a surgical residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin from 1989 to 1995.

"It was great to be able to include Dr. Condon in the DVDs," Dr. Carlson said. "He's 80 years old now, healthy and enjoying retirement in Seattle but it was fun to have him involved in this video."

The book and the DVDs can be purchased on Amazon.com by [clicking here](#).

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