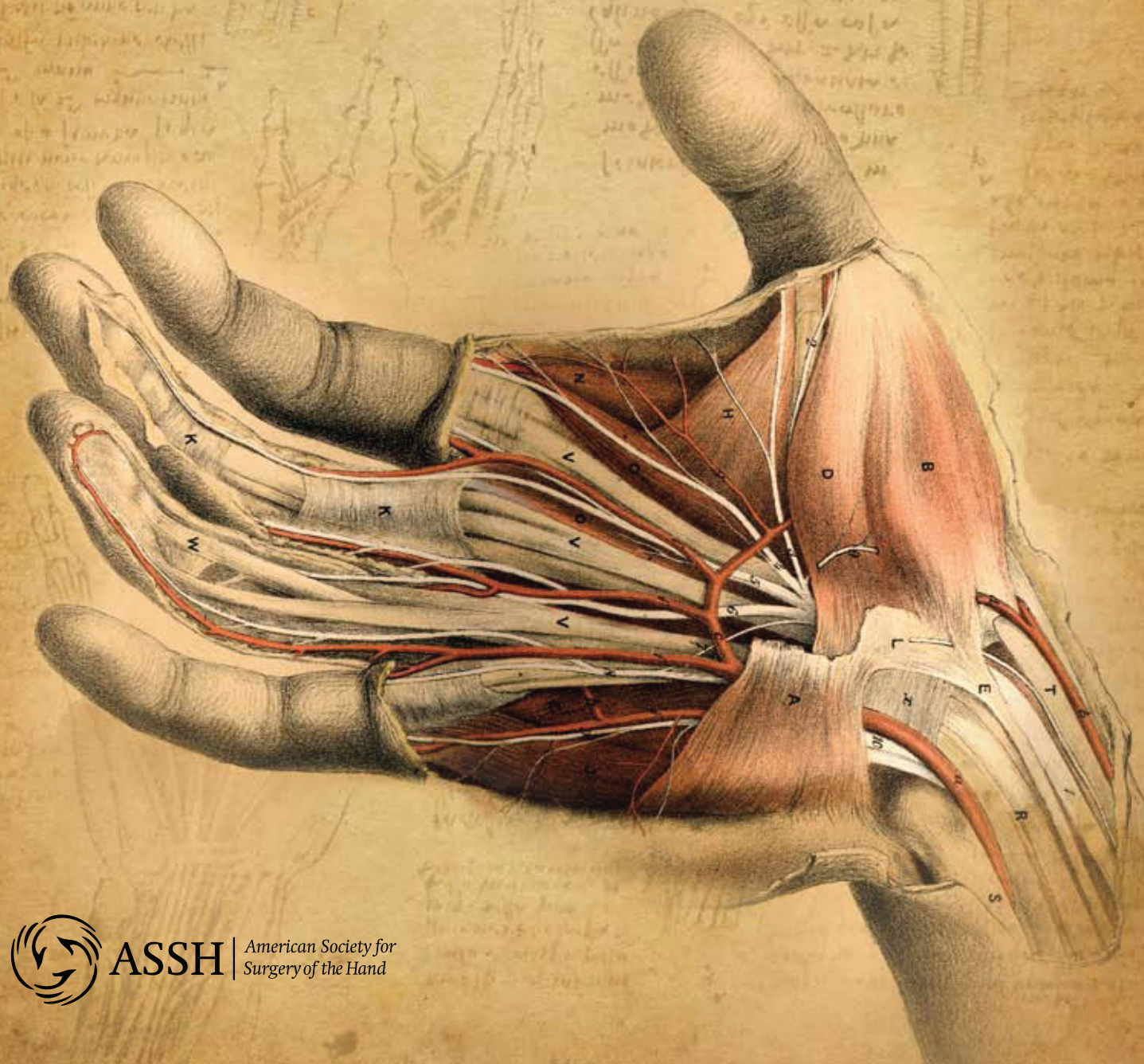


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Preface

I am honored to have the opportunity to be the editor for *Hand Surgery Update V* and to work closely with my co-editor, Dr. Peter Murray. The *Hand Surgery Update* series has been a constant companion for hand surgeons in keeping up-to-date on the current research in treating patients with hand and upper limb problems. This volume is particularly unique because all of our contributing authors were asked to consider the levels of evidence when synthesizing their updated chapters. The authors were chosen for their expertise in distilling the evidence from the literature; all of them have done a magnificent job in crafting succinct, yet practical, materials to help you stay current in the exponential growth of knowledge in the hand and upper limb specialty. As hand surgery continues to evolve in its scope of practice, many hand surgeons are becoming interested in elbow and shoulder surgery. Therefore, this particular volume has incorporated chapters relating to pathologies around the elbow and the shoulder, which will establish the comprehensiveness of hand surgery's contribution in conditions affecting the entire upper limb.

This volume would not have been possible without the dedicated assistance of my co-editor, Dr. Peter Murray, who is an outstanding educator and an ever-present leader in hand surgery educational events. Additionally, I want to acknowledge our ASSH staff, Tara Havenga, who diligently coordinated all of the activities around this textbook. My staff, Pouya Entezami, contributed immensely to the organization of this textbook. His dedicated work was invaluable and ensured that we produced the best product possible. Furthermore, this textbook is a true tribute to the selfless efforts by my friends and contributing authors, who readily agreed to contribute to this volume despite their taxing practices and overwhelming other responsibilities. Each of them has done an outstanding job in organizing the literature based on current scientific data rather than cursory changes of previous chapters. All of the chapters contain original material, and this book has taken the word "Update" to an even greater height by presenting the most current information for your examination.

I appreciate the confidence of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand in allowing me to lead this volume. I am certain that you will find this to be an informative and creative textbook—one that will be your constant companion in your continued medical education interests.

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