



Impotence: Physiological, Psychological, Surgical Diagnosis and Treatment

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Springer-Verlag New York Inc., United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Impotence. The word strikes at the bedrock of a man's worth. Its implications far exceed the inability to have a penile erection. The man is without power-ineffectual. Ancient statues represented with an oversized erect penis attest to the historic conscious meaning of the phallus. Magnificent spires, memorial monuments, and the awe generated by the sight of rockets and missiles attest to the unconscious meaning. At the medical-superstitious level, men have invoked countless strategies for improving or restoring potency. They have included ritualistic dances, concoctions, and mechanical aids. Some survive to the present. More recently, verbal therapies have taken their place, ranging from simple exhortation to the uncovering of complex unconscious symbolic conflicts. Other therapies borrow from theories of learning, based on experiments with mice and men. The growth of modern endocrinology, with the isolation of sex steroids, heralded another treatment strategy: hormones. Later, engineers entered with surgically implantable mechanical devices. And, most recently, the technology of microsurgery has offered the possibility of physiological restoration of a compromised vascular supply, a necessary component of erection....



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