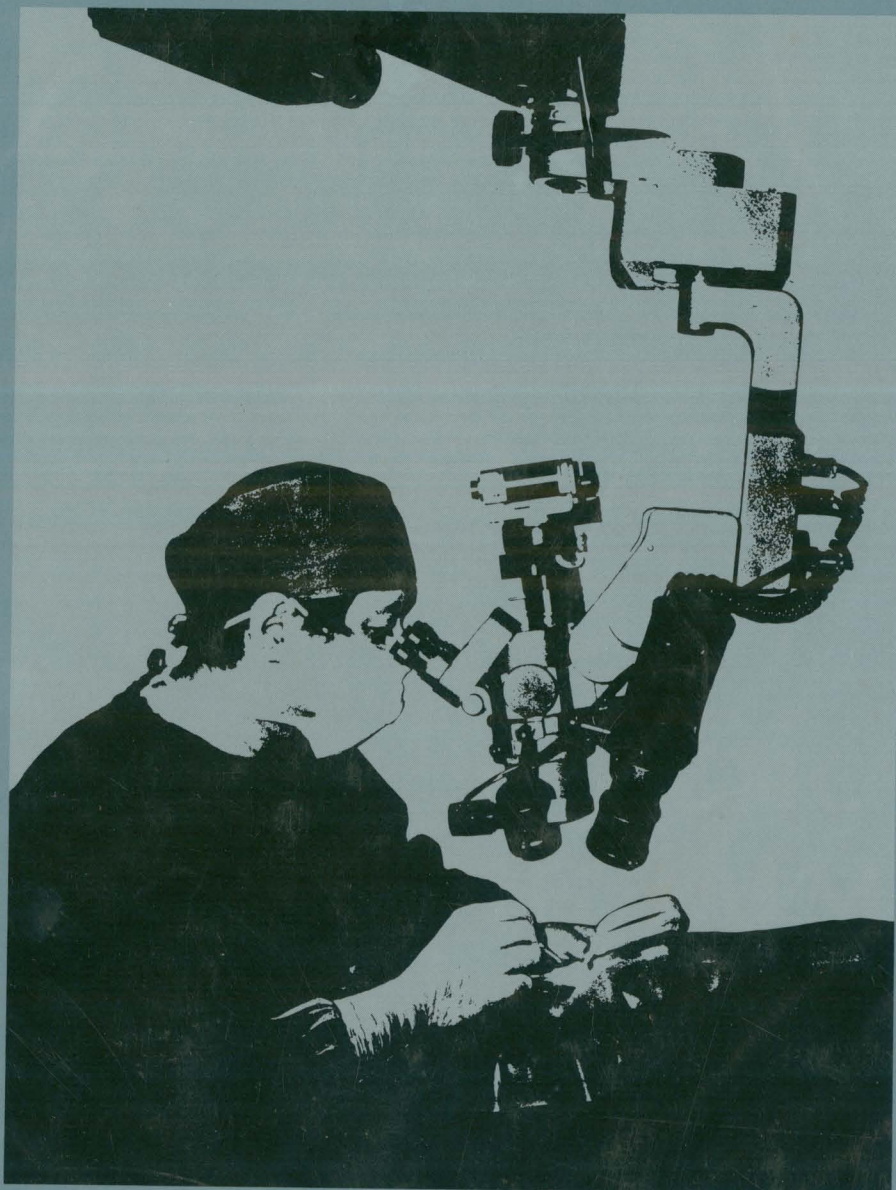


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PREFACE

Almost all the spectacular advances in ophthalmology can be attributed to the operating microscope. The majority of surgeons, however, with the exception of the younger ones, have yet to undergo training in overcoming the initial difficulties associated with its use. Even in developed countries only 30% of ophthalmic surgeons use the operating microscope and less than 10% in developing countries. In the wake of greater realisation of the numerous advantages of the operating microscope, a tremendous demand has been generated to attend ophthalmic teaching workshops. These were organised since 1976 by the Singapore Microsurgical Society, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology.

There was an equally enthusiastic demand for the methods of the teachers to be preserved either in writing or on tape. This publication is a collection of my personal experience in surgery under the operating microscope and at teaching workshops. But above all, it includes the teachings and techniques of my fellow microsurgeons — Prof Frank Billson (Aust), Prof Ian Constable (Aust), Dr J E K Galbraith (Aust), Prof Saiichi Mishima (Japan), Dr Noel Rice (UK) and Prof Thomas E Moore, Jr (USA).

I hope that this book will be useful for ophthalmic surgeons, surgeons from other disciplines, theatre sisters and others interested in microsurgical techniques. It is also hoped that this will supplement the teachings at further microsurgical workshops and serve as a guide to those unable to attend, as well as a means of revision for those who have the opportunity of attending such workshops.

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