



# WORLD PROGRESS IN SURGERY

## Current Results of Clinical Organ Transplantation

### Introduction

These six short and highly readable essays provide an unusually complete and authoritative view of clinical transplantation today. All of the authors have spent years in the development of their particular interests, and this is reflected in the personally acquired and unique data they have been able to bring to the individual articles.

With each of the organs (kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas, and bone marrow), the message is the same. Much has been achieved including the prolongation of life and/or the improvement of health. Yet in each instance, including even the highly successful consanguineous renal transplantation, a gnawing dissatisfaction is evident about the failure of

new developments in immunosuppression. Without such improvements, it will be difficult to reduce present-day morbidity after treatment of any organ or to exploit the grafting procedures very much beyond their current limited use.

It is hoped that the concentration of this work in one issue of **WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY** may stimulate some fresh approaches, especially in the difficult area of immunosuppression that has become an investigative cul-de-sac.

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