

Preface to the Second Edition

Since the publication of the first edition of this book, pediatric orthopaedics, including trauma, has grown immensely as a subspecialty. Appreciation of the anatomic and physiologic differences between children and adults has led to a proliferation of information in the pediatric and orthopaedic literature. The Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children have supported my continued morphologic research into developmental skeletal biology. This particularly has allowed the study of pediatric chondroosseous injury in depth.

Updating concepts of cause, treatment, and biologic response to both continues the basic premise of this textbook—namely, the creation of a comprehensive, meaningful scientific rationale for the logical treatment of skeletal injury to the infant, child, and adolescent.

Accordingly, each chapter has been extensively revised to include pertinent new clinical and research information. Utilization of this expanding database should enable the physician to diagnose specific chondroosseous injury accurately, understand its natural history, treat the patient properly, and prevent common complications.

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