

# Preface

Aortic dissection affects approximately two out of every 10,000 individuals. Despite its common occurrence and potential to be fatal, up-to-date references have been difficult to locate. To meet this need, the editors have assembled an international group of authors with substantial experience in this field and in the International Registry of Aortic Dissection (IRAD) to contribute to this book.

The book has been divided into sections to make it user-friendly: Section I, Epidemiology, Pathophysiology, and Clinical features; Section II, Imaging Methods; Section III, Initial Treatment; Section IV, Subsequent Follow-up and Treatment; Section V, Evaluation and Management of Special Subsets; and Section VI, Future Frontiers. Each of the book's 18 chapters provides a succinct overview of the current clinical literature and incorporates several figures to illustrate the text.

We hope that this state-of-the-art publication will enhance understanding of aortic dissection and stimulate research in the area of acute aortic syndromes.

Sincerely,  
The Editors

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