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## Preface

We put together the original edition of *Clinical Reproductive Medicine and Surgery* in an attempt to provide a comprehensive, easy-to-read textbook that covered all aspects of an academic clinical practice in reproductive medicine. We received a great deal of favorable feedback from Fellows, Residents, new clinicians, and our target audience. However, it was also commonly noted that our textbook was somewhat expensive and cumbersome in terms of both weight and size.

For our second edition, we have made several noteworthy changes in an attempt to improve upon the original textbook. Although we have tried to keep true to our goal of a comprehensive and readable clinical textbook, we have shortened it significantly to decrease both its price and physical dimensions. To do this, we asked each author to condense their information and combine chapter contents whenever possible. We also removed some of the more esoteric chapters that, although important for certification tests, are of less value in day-to-day clinical practice. We are very pleased with the results, and anticipate that you will find the resulting compendium useful. We hope that it will confirm most of your current clinical practices and serve as a useful introduction to the newest approaches to both common and unusual problems faced by our patients.

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