
Preface

I am honored and thrilled to present within the short span of only 2 years, this updated and expanded 2nd edition. The book has doubled in size, chapters, and authorship, most notably with the significant expansion of contributions from international leaders. These authors are pioneers in their areas of expertise, both in the United States and abroad, not only in the field of sedation but also in the areas of law, ethics, child psychology, child development, pediatrics, neonatology, simulation, drug development, patient safety, and pharmacology. This book is a testimony to the passion and commitment of all the contributing authors to advance the knowledge and practice of pediatric sedation. *Pediatric Sedation Outside of the Operating Room: A Multispecialty International Collaboration* is intended to represent and be applicable to sedation providers of any specialty from around the world. Our international contributors represent Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Israel, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. I am very appreciative of their efforts. Each chapter has been revised and edited a minimum of three times (some as many as six) and I extend a sincere “thank you” to each author.

This book is a unique and authoritative contribution to the field of pediatric sedation. As an expansion of the first book, it is directed to all specialties and specifically acknowledges and reviews the contributions and viewpoints of a broad range of international societies and specialists. Sedation has evolved to include all specialties. Although each chapter is written by a specialist in his/her particular area, it is intended to be of value to those who do not necessarily practice in that area. For example, the pediatrician in the United States will learn something in the *Pediatric Sedation: The South Pacific Approach* chapter that can be applied or considered for his own practice.

Those chapters that are clinically oriented conclude with Case Studies, which present challenging clinical scenarios. This is a unique finale as it is the author’s presentation of real-life cases. The intent of these Case Studies is to guide the reader through the challenges, thought processes, and management options for each situation. Certainly there are many possible solutions to each scenario: Exploring them through the eyes of the experienced author offers a unique and valuable perspective.

This book may be read cover to cover or read a chapter at a time, out of succession. There is intentional, albeit minimal, repetition in the book. The repetition is intended not only to solidify important information for the reader but also to convey relevant information for those who may not be reading the book cover to cover. Even the “repetition” is presented in a different style by the individual authors, in most cases masking the repeated elements.

The final form of this book went to the publisher in April 2014. Every chapter was updated in these final weeks with any recently published papers. The galley proofs were reviewed and again the chapters were all updated as recently as the summer of 2014.

This book represents a global collaboration. Currently the field of sedation is being challenged by politics, differing viewpoints and our inability to reach a consensus. Our ability to come together, outside of this book, will be essential to the future of our pediatric patients who receive sedation.

There will continue to be new clinical and research studies that advance our knowledge of sedation. New sedatives, physiological monitors, and sedation delivery systems will certainly be introduced over the next decade. Regardless, the approach to sedation and the information conveyed in these chapters is intended to distinguish this book as a timeless relic that marks an important era in the field of sedation.

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