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## Preface

For several years, we have felt the necessity for a concise, readable but comprehensive clinical review book. Such a book should be easy to read and provide sound practical advice for both trainees and practitioners.

Our intention was to develop updated, concise, and easy-to-read content that is designed to be read by trainees preparing for anesthesiology examinations and to serve as a succinct and practical reference for more experienced practitioners.

We are grateful to all who have helped in this important endeavor. There is an advantage in having a multi-authored text, as our contributors have significant expertise in the topics they discuss in our book. Also, they have been generous in permitting the section and book editors to undertake revision of the manuscript in an attempt to achieve conformity and accuracy. Many authors are from the Boston area teaching hospitals, but overall are drawn from institutions nationwide. We believe this provides a broad perspective in the field of anesthesiology. The book contains 12 parts and 60 chapters. Each part is specialty-specific, with chapters devoted to the most important clinical scenarios found in the practice of anesthesia.

The editors wish to express their gratitude to Ms. Marcia Rosen for providing valuable editorial assistance. Likewise, the editors appreciate the support of Springer Publishers in the preparation of this book, and our families for encouragement. We hope this book will prove to be a valuable resource that will enrich the libraries of our readers and help promote clinical excellence for our patients.

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