



Preface
Imaging of the lower extremity



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This issue of the *Radiologic Clinics of North America* is devoted to addressing current state-of-the-art applications of MR to musculoskeletal imaging of the lower extremity. Our expert panel of contributors has provided reviews of various topics useful to the practicing radiologist. The articles are designed to be reviews of specific topics that will allow the reader to organize the information in a meaningful fashion. We hope that the information contained within this issue will help practicing radiologists provide clinically relevant interpretations to referring clinicians and in so doing become relevant to the care of the patient.

Musculoskeletal imaging has undergone rapid and dramatic change with the advent of MR imaging. The articles in this issue will highlight the unique advantages of MR imaging over other modalities. Topics covered in this issue include assessment of neoplastic disorders of the lower extremities, MR evaluation of

articular disorders, MR imaging of bone marrow disorders and nonneoplastic muscle conditions, MR of postoperative knee assessment, and MR assessment in the setting of osteomyelitis.

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