



Preface

Postoperative Musculoskeletal Imaging



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This issue of the *Radiologic Clinics of North America* serves as a centralized resource for radiologists who evaluate postoperative musculoskeletal images. There are numerous musculoskeletal surgical procedures, fixation, instrumentation, and joint replacement systems that can, at times, be overwhelming for the interpreting radiologist. My colleagues and I frequently explore the radiologic and orthopedic journals, books, and the Internet in an attempt to stay current with these devices. When a specific radiologic question arises, we often thumb through such specialty books as Tom Berquist's *Imaging Atlas of Orthopedic Appliances and Prostheses*. It seems, however, that few focused references address multiple facets of postoperative musculoskeletal imaging.

In this issue of *Radiologic Clinics* multiple experienced musculoskeletal radiologists offer insight into optimizing imaging techniques and correctly interpreting postoperative imaging of specific anatomic regions. In addition, the authors address topics that are sparse in the radiologic literature, such as imaging after tumor resection and imaging of bone graft materials.

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