

## Preface

# Updates in endocrine surgery



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This issue of the *Surgical Clinics of North America* covers new and evolving surgical approaches, management controversies, and emerging clinical entities and therapies of endocrine disorders. The articles address emerging surgical approaches, the dramatic changes in the surgical management of primary hyperparathyroidism, minimally invasive thyroidectomy, the optimal extent of adrenalectomy, the results of laparoscopic adrenalectomy for cancer, and the surgical treatment of insulinomas are addressed.

Management controversies surrounding the most common endocrine disorders of “asymptomatic” primary hyperparathyroidism and hyperthyroidism are addressed from both a medical and surgical perspective. In addition, an article on the optimal extent of surgical resection for differentiated thyroid cancer is included.

Because our knowledge has improved with regard to the diagnosis, treatment, and molecular biology of many endocrine disorders, several emerging clinical entities and potential therapies are on the horizon and are covered in this issue. Articles on subclinical Cushing’s syndrome in adrenal incidentaloma, clinical manifestations of aldosteronoma, management of thyroid incidentaloma, and redifferentiation therapy for advanced differentiated thyroid cancer are also included.

The authors represent internationally and nationally recognized expert surgeons and endocrinologists who have provided insightful and comprehensive articles. We believe the articles in this issue comprise a thorough and

useful update of endocrine surgery for practicing surgeons, endocrinologists, residents, and medical students.

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