

## Preface

# Sports Medicine, Part II



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As the benefits of exercise become more widely accepted and an increasing number of people engage in active lifestyles, it is clear that primary care physicians must possess an in-depth understanding of musculoskeletal medicine if they are to best serve their patients. In these two issues of the *Primary Care: Clinics in Office Practice* devoted to sports medicine, we hope to update the primary care physician's understanding of the pathophysiology, clinical diagnosis, diagnostic imaging, and treatment of common athletic injuries.

Much scientific work has been done in recent years, but much work remains to be done. Hopefully, primary care physicians, sports medicine physicians, and medical students will find our work well-written, well-researched, and clinically relevant. We hope we have contributed in some small way by disseminating quality information.

I am pleased and honored to oversee these issues and am privileged to work with such a distinguished group of collaborators. Many thanks to the contributing authors who have painstakingly worked to make their respective articles both scholarly and useful in the clinical setting. Thanks also to Louisiana State University's Family Medicine/Primary Care Sports Medicine Department for allowing me the time needed to devote to this

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