

Preface



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This unique issue of *Clinics in Perinatology* deals with updates on common topics in fetal medicine. Given the outstanding quality of recent past manuscripts and their importance to perinatal medicine, the publishers of this series and I believe that select articles from recent issues of *Pediatric Clinics* and *Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics* could be combined and presented here for the benefit our readership.

Assembled in this issue is a series of articles written by experts in maternal-fetal medicine and neonatology. Taken in aggregate, they provide useful, lucid, and up-to-date information on the management of topics that are frequently questioned by practicing specialists. Contemporary information is presented about fetal risks due to maternal disorders, such as diabetes and obesity, thrombophilia, substance use, and thyroid dysfunction. In addition, management of fetal urologic problems, preterm labor, perinatal arrhythmias, and meconium stained fluid are highlighted.

It is rewarding to continue collaborating with repeat contributors and to again call upon their expertise and knowledge. This collection provides a solid foundation for the modern evaluation and, if necessary, management of certain fetal conditions. Their scholarly efforts contribute a unique vitality to the basic scientific and clinical material presented here.

I am grateful to the dedicated individuals who updated their contributions for this special issue. Articles were provided by true leaders in their

respective topics, and I very much appreciate their willingness, even eagerness, to participate. A special thanks also goes to Ms. Carla Holloway, our editor, for her continued help and support.

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