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Foreword



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The patient who undergoes a vascular surgical procedure represents one of the greatest challenges for the anesthesiologist. In addition to issues related to both overt and occult coronary artery disease, actual surgical procedures are constantly evolving with the development of new endovascular procedures. The extent of evaluation and an understanding of both the procedures themselves and the interventions that reduce perioperative risk therefore warrant updating to provide the highest level of care for these high-risk patients. This issue of the *Anesthesiology Clinics of North America* does just that by including a wide variety of individuals from different specialties and countries and focusing on individual surgical procedures.

Michael J. Murray, MD, PhD, was a clear choice as Guest Editor for this issue. As both a vascular anesthesiologist and an intensivist, he has the perspective of the care of these patients during the entire perioperative continuum, which is critical given the nature and timing of the morbidity and mortality observed. In addition to being Professor and Chair of Anesthesiology at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, he has numerous academic accolades, including being one of the editors of the *American Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists Textbook on Critical Care Medicine* and section editor of vascular anesthesia for the *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*. He has assembled an outstanding group of authors, and I believe that this issue will help anesthesiol-

ogists provide the highest standard and most advanced level of care for patients who undergo vascular surgery.

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