

Foreword



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A key component of our work as anesthesiologists is the preoperative evaluation and preparation of the patient undergoing surgery. With the aging of the population and the increase in incidence of surgery, the development of a preoperative database of medical conditions and their stability in the individual patient has taken on increasing importance. This database is even more important when we consider that an increasing number and percentage of surgeries are being performed in locations distant from hospitals, such as ambulatory surgery centers and offices. It is therefore important to understand how to evaluate patients with comorbid diseases and how to ensure they are in their best medical condition to optimize their perioperative outcome. In this issue of *Anesthesiology Clinics* the editor has chosen several experts in the field to evaluate a number of common medical conditions in depth.

In choosing an editor for this issue, I turned to my friend and mentor, Stanley H. Rosenbaum, MD. Dr. Rosenbaum is currently Professor of Anesthesiology, Medicine, and Surgery at Yale University School of Medicine. He is also Vice Chair for the Department and Director of Perioperative and Adult Anesthesia, as well as Co-Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. His training in internal medicine, anesthesiology, and critical care, and his clinical activities in the preoperative consultation clinic, surgical critical care, and medical intensive care services make him uniquely qualified to approach these questions from the perspective of the entire perioperative

period. He has assembled an outstanding group of contributors and I hope you will learn from their approach to these common problems.

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