



Preface
Head and neck MR imaging II



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Dedications: To my lovely wife, Rita, and our children, Anika and Janak. To my mother, Chandra Mukherji, MD, for her strength during difficult times, and undying love and encouragement. I love you! In loving memory of my father, Phatick K. Mukherji, MD, who instilled in me the belief that no hard work goes unrewarded.

I don't want to understand the future, I want to create it.

— Anonymous

I was honored to be asked to edit this edition of the *Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinics of North America* primarily because of the subject matter. In the 1980s and early 1990s, clinicians were gaining experience with MR, and there was constant debate as to whether CT or MR was the superior modality. With time, I think it can be agreed upon that both modalities can be successfully used to evaluate a variety of head and neck abnormalities and that, in certain cases, CT and MR are indeed complimentary modalities.

It is with this in mind that I began developing this issue of the *Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinics of North America*. The intent of this issue is to present comprehensive articles by experienced authors that reflect the "standard of care" for MR in each author's particular subject matter. In fact, the articles were so comprehensive that the issue had to be split into two separate issues. These two issues (parts 1 and 2) are intended to be concise but comprehensive overviews that can

be used by both private practice and academic radiologists. However, it is also intended that the information contained in these two issues benefit otolaryngologists and radiation oncologists, who spend a significant amount of time treating patients with head and neck tumors.

I wish to thank all the authors for their invaluable contribution to these two issues of the *Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinics of North America*. The authors clearly represent many of the current and future leaders of head and neck radiology. I am honored to have them as colleagues, but I am most proud to call them my friends.

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