

Preface



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Musculoskeletal MRI continues to be an ever-expanding field of rapid development and progress, particularly with the increased introduction of 3-Tesla scanners into imaging centers. Elite athletes benefit the most from the recent advancements in our field because of the ready and often immediate access they have to MRI, with most musculoskeletal radiologists enthusiastic to provide their imaging expertise and service. The recreational athlete and the mature athlete have also benefited from the improved resolution of MRI. Mature athletes are particularly susceptible to injury, given their age and their need to be active for the purposes of disease prevention. It is therefore essential that this issue of *Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinics of North America* caters to all these athletes. In this issue, emerging themes such as groin pain and muscle injuries are visited, and there is a comprehensive review of each joint. It is hoped that this issue will serve as a quick

reference guide to help answer many routine musculoskeletal imaging dilemmas and also to stimulate further debate and research into areas where controversy exists. I am exceedingly proud of the work that the authors have presented in this issue, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their tremendous effort to make this edition a success. I trust that this will be as informative reading for the reader as it has been for myself.

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