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Preface

Complications of foot and ankle surgery



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Initially, when I was asked to be the Guest Editor for *Foot and Ankle Clinics*. “Complications of Foot and Ankle Surgery” issue, I was quite nervous. Had someone audited my cases? Were my complications that obvious to everyone? Had word gotten out? Luckily, I recalled those oftquoted words of wisdom, “If you do enough surgery, you are bound to have complications!” Admittedly, at times, these words hold truer than at other times. This is clearly an area where one should learn from his past and the past of others. By reviewing and discussing complications, vast improvements can be made in foot and ankle surgery.

Although I could have filled this entire issue with personal experiences and anecdotes, I chose to elicit help from my colleagues. Clearly, it is not possible to discuss every complication from foot and ankle surgery. As a result, I chose topics that represent a wide array of problems from the forefoot to the ankle. In addition, “High Risk Foot and Ankle Patients” and “Iliac Crest Graft Complications and Bone Graft Alternatives” are discussed in detail.

After reviewing this issue, hopefully one will be better prepared to identify and treat the myriad of possible complications encountered in foot and ankle surgery.

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