

## Foreword



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It is hard to imagine an area of anesthesia that has been a mainstay of practice like that of obstetric anesthesia. Many practiced as they were trained in their residency, focusing on the provision of labor analgesia and anesthesia for cesarean sections. Yet in trying to continue the tradition of looking forward and providing state-of-the-art reviews, this issue of obstetrical anesthesia has addressed modern treatment of many difficult anesthesia problems, as well as new areas including pharmacogenetics and the use of medical simulation and remifentanyl.

In trying to choose a consulting editor for this issue of *Anesthesiology Clinics*, Gurinder Vasdev quickly came to mind. He is currently assistant professor of Anesthesiology at the College of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic and a consultant in the department. Having been educated in the United Kingdom, he completed his fellowship in obstetric anesthesia at the Mayo Clinic. Importantly, he has been an active member of the Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology and is currently president of that subspecialty society. He has assembled an outstanding group of authors, and I hope you will learn as much as I did about the changing face of obstetric anesthesia.

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