

Foreword



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Anesthesia at the extremes of age has been a topic of interest to anesthesiologists, but much of the focus has been on the very young as opposed to the very old. Anesthesiologists are acquainted with managing patients with multiple comorbidities, which are known to increase with increasing age, but the very old have some unique problems, and the manifestations of the comorbidities have changed. Therefore, there is increasing interest in geriatric patients and their perioperative care, and in this issue of *Anesthesiology Clinics*, the editor has chosen a different format from the traditional monograph, using a problem-based approach. As guest editor for this issue, the *Clinics* is fortunate to have Jeffrey H. Silverstein. Dr. Silverstein is Professor of Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Geriatrics and Adult Development and Associate Dean for Research at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He has authored 47 original articles, 13 chapters, and 2 books. He has been a principle or co-investigator on several National Institutes of Health grants and other national grants related to geriatric care and is a member of the Aging Systems and Geriatrics Study Section of the National Institutes of Health. He is, therefore, in an excellent position to provide the readership with a broad array of exciting discussions from world-renowned experts.

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