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Foreword

The new and well-written textbook, *Geriatric Trauma and Critical Care* (edited by Jay Yelon and Fred Luchette), is a timely and necessary addition to our current body of knowledge on this topic. The existing medical landscape in the United States includes a population of 315 million people, 793,648 physicians, and over 6,000 hospitals for acute care and elective management. With the overall population expanding by 25 million each decade, along with a projected steady increase of Americans over 65 years of age, a crisis is developing with respect to optimal healthcare for this very vulnerable and special population – the elderly.

Considering increased comorbidities and distinctly different physiologic responses/reserves, the geriatric patients will continue to present an array of challenges for all aspects of healthcare management. The highly accomplished specialists who have contributed to this excellent textbook are to be commended for providing the reader with the physiological basis for assessment and principles of management for this cohort of patients. The section and chapter formats are well presented, with each organ-based topic being complete and comprehensive. I, particularly, applaud the editors for including a separate section on the Impact of Aging on Health.

Undoubtedly, this textbook will be recognized as a definitive work in the field for years to come.

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