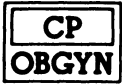


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*In the memory of my parents Else and  
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# Foreword

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Drs. Altchek and Deligdisch have taken a unique approach in formulating this scholarly work. They have eschewed the traditions of concentrating attention on a single facet of their field, such as pathology, diagnosis, or, surgical treatment. At the same time, they have isolated the uterus from the remainder of the pelvic viscera for discussion purposes, albeit in many instances the chapter subjects of necessity involved the authors with the ovaries, tubes, and pelvic supports. Because of the architecture of this book, the editors have brought together not only a distinguished group of experts, but a group who are rather strange bedfellows. It is rare, indeed, to find reproductive endocrinologists, oncologists, pathologists, gynecologic surgeons, and, indeed, lawyers writing in the same text. The editors have also not avoided some of the more controversial subjects in modern-day gynecology. They have chosen to include discussions of the use of molecular technology in evaluation of cervical dysplasia, hysteroscopic endometrial ablation, and the uterus without ovaries as it relates to the new wave of assisted reproductive technology. For this, they are to be commended. It should also be noted that both editors made significant contributions themselves, each authoring three chapters.

This work, I believe, has something for everyone in gynecology and obstetrics, from the resident to the practitioner and the academic, and will be of interest to pathologists as well. The unique array of subjects and the thorough and scholarly way in which they are treated make most interesting and rewarding reading.

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# Preface

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Recent years have witnessed new concepts in physiology and pathology of the uterus, together with new technology and changing approaches in diagnosis and clinical management. Traditionally, books on this subject have focused exclusively either on basic science and pathology, or on clinical gynecology. The interested clinician therefore had to cull from basic science texts material that might be relevant for clinical gynecology and to interpret its possible application.

This new book on the uterus attempts to bring together in one volume some of the new pertinent basic-science knowledge of concern to the clinician as well as to review several contemporary aspects of clinical practice. Hopefully, *The Uterus* will serve as a broad yet concise update and review to help the gynecologist care for his or her patients.

With the clinical gynecologist in mind, the book has been co-edited by a clinician and a pathologist and is divided into three sections: basic science/pathology, diagnostic procedures, and contemporary management. It should be helpful for all who provide medical care for women. It is of course understood that medicine is a constantly evolving discipline and that changes are to be expected over time. We are always learning.

We are fortunate to be able to include chapters contributed by outstanding and dedicated experts in their respective fields in order to further medical education despite the time constraints imposed by many professional obligations. We deeply appreciate their work.

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