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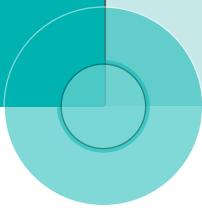
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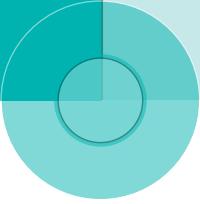
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Foreword

It is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to write the foreword to our son Marc's book written with his colleagues Victoria Lane, Carlos Reck, and Richard Wood. Marc has indicated that the case-based teaching method that I have used with my co-author, Howard Weiner, since 1971, for *Neurology for the House Officer* (translated into eight foreign languages), *Case Studies in Neurology for the House Officer*, and in our annual neurology course served as a stimulus for the current endeavor. Over a cumulative 70 years of teaching, we found that teaching by specific illustrative cases was the most effective method for producing lasting retention of clinical knowledge. I hope that this book proves helpful in educating other pediatric caregivers, but most importantly that it helps solve pediatric colorectal and pelvic surgical problems in children from all over the world.

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Preface

The book is intended to teach the key principles in the management of colorectal and pelvic diagnoses through case-based presentations. We believe it will be valuable for all members of the management team that cares for children with these problems, including the surgeon, the pediatrician, the gastroenterologist, the neonatologist, the nurse, the pediatric surgical trainee, and the medical student.

The book encompasses the wide range of complex colorectal issues, including:

- Primary diagnosis, management, radiology, and histopathology of Hirschsprung disease
- Primary diagnosis, management, and radiology of anorectal malformations
- Bowel management for fecal incontinence in a variety of patient groups
- The problematic post-operative Hirschsprung disease, and anorectal malformation
- Operative techniques including pitfalls and challenges

We hope that this book will serve as an educational tool for those treating children with colorectal and pelvic problems and will therefore help to improve the care provided and reduce the morbidity seen in this group of patients.

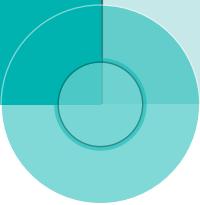
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