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PREFACE

Over the past three decades, advances in medicine have been rapid and dramatic, often outpacing the rate at which knowledge is recorded in print. Thus, because vascular surgery, the youngest of the surgical specialties, is such a dynamic and growing field, the editors have attempted to amass contemporary knowledge for today's practitioner, the intent being to provide a text that is not out-of-date before it is read. To this end, it is hoped that practicing physicians and surgeons, house officers and fellows, medical students and, more importantly, patients will benefit from this effort.

The reader is offered up-to-date management options and techniques for dealing with commonly encountered clinical problems by accomplished and expert vascular surgeons. Authors were selected not only because of their acknowledged expertise, but because they were also busy practical clinicians. That *Current Therapy in Vascular Surgery* reflects timely and contemporary thought is underscored by each author's personal imprimatur on his work. Consequently, reference to, and documentation of, others' thoughts and experiences is conspicuously absent.

The entire spectrum of vascular surgery, including arterial, venous, and lymphatic diseases, is addressed. The text has been divided into sections on cerebrovascular disease, upper-extremity arterial occlusive disease, aortic aneurysms, lower-extremity arterial occlusive disease, embolic diseases of the extremities, vascular trauma, amputations, mesenteric vascular disease, portal hypertension, renovascular disease, arteriovenous fistulas and malformations, angioaccess, venous disease, and lymphatic disease. The editors hasten to emphasize that the order of sections in no way reflects their relative importance. Thorough understanding of all of these elements is necessary in the provision of optimal care for patients suffering from vascular disease.

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