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preface

The concept of a practical textbook devoted solely to "Complications in Foot Surgery: Prevention and Management" was initially considered by the Executive Board of the American Collège of Foot Surgeons, and this first edition is the outcome of their directive.

The practical aspect in the prevention and management of surgical complications that one is most likely to encounter in daily practice is emphasized. The basic fundamentals are stressed since the neglect of these operative principles often leads to surgical complications. Practical guidelines are provided as a ready reference for the busy practitioner as well as for the students. For those who wish to pursue the subject matter more extensively, a bibliography is cited at the end of each chapter.

The more advanced surgical procedures and their complications should appear in the subsequent revised edition. This edition deals with common conditions encountered by the majority of podiatric surgeons.

One hundred thirty-two authors are responsible for submitting the original manuscripts. The objective was to procure an adequate number of clinical cases and to draw from the observation and practical insights of the practitioners. The manuscripts were first collated and subjected to numerous editings. Subsequently, they were placed in the hands of Mr. Julius Fast, writer and editor. We thank Mr. Fast for his expertise.

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