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PREFACE

Over the past three decades pediatric urology has evolved into a well-defined specialty. Currently, recognized post-residency training in pediatric urology is accepted as appropriate for individuals interested in providing pediatric urologic care at the most sophisticated level. Formal training programs in pediatric urology are available and have become increasingly competitive among qualified applicants for these positions. Today, over 100 urologists limit their practice to pediatric urology exclusively, and nearly that many maintain a practice predominantly in the field of pediatric urology.

Yet, pediatric urology remains an integral part of the general field of urology—both in its interests as well as in its participation in the training of the urology resident. We share common interests in the areas of obstruction, voiding dysfunction, urinary tract infection, and andrology. The current enthusiasm and expertise in continent diversion and bladder substitution came from contributions of both pediatric urologists and adult urologic oncologic surgeons.

This text presents materials of interest to all urologists in a new and readable format. Concise clinical problems seen by every urologist are presented to recognized experts in that particular field. The editors made no effort to make this a pure urologic text. Relevant issues in neonatology, nephrology, and endocrinology were also included and appropriate specialists in those fields were asked to participate. Material in this text is presented in a format not available in other standard and more regimented urological texts. I hope you enjoy reading this text as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

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