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Preface

In continuation with the first two volumes, the third edition of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons' (ASCRS) Manual is again abstracted from and a companion to the third edition of the *ASCRS Textbook of Colon and Rectal Surgery* (Steele, Hull, Read, Saclarides, Senagore, Whitlow, eds. New York: Springer, 2016). The manual serves as a readily available, easy-to-access, and succinct resource for all providers caring with colorectal disease.

The collective goal for the third edition of the *ASCRS Textbook of Colon and Rectal Surgery* was to provide a valuable resource for surgeons and health-care providers who care for patients with colorectal disease at all stages of their careers. In line with previous editions, we aimed to build upon the collective experience and expertise from national and international experts in the field, providing a completely revamped, up-to-date tome covering the wide breadth of colorectal disease organized around the “pillars” of colorectal surgery including perioperative care (including endoscopy), anorectal disease, benign disease (including inflammatory bowel disease), malignancy, pelvic floor disorders, and a “miscellaneous” section that covers aspects both inside and beyond the operating room that are pertinent to providers at every level. In addition, each chapter contains several *key concepts* that succinctly depict the major learning objectives for individual sections and are in line with the Core Curriculum for Colon and Rectal Surgery provided by the Association of Program Directors in Colon and Rectal Surgery and the key topics used by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Each chapter in the manual has been abstracted, edited, and reviewed by the textbook authors and manual editors. Many diagrams, figures, and algorithms have been retained from the textbook, as they are felt to help with patient care. In an effort to continue to build and expand upon the education platform across the ASCRS, the manual serves as a bridge between the journal (*Diseases of the Colon and Rectum*), the ASCRS textbook, and other resources such as CARSEP and CREST. Further information, including more in-depth technical, scientific, and expert opinion, as well as references, are available and can always be accessed through any of our other resources and

programs. It is our sincere wish that this manual will serve as a relevant and practical tool to provide information and recommendations and ultimately help improve the care and outcome for our patients.

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