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Preface

Persistent life-threatening hemorrhage remains amongst the most feared scenarios for every practicing clinician. “Bleeding to death” is not only the most common etiology of trauma mortality on earth but also the most frequent cause of a physician’s sleepless nights. Whether ongoing bleeding occurs within the operating theater during an elective resection at a quaternary referral center, an emergency department in a remote rural hospital, and an endoscopy suite in a medium-sized center or on the battlefield in a far forward extreme and hostile environment, persistent hemorrhage could easily be described as our utmost acute challenge in medicine.

The aim of the textbook is to provide the reader with a “no-nonsense,” salient, practical, and experience-based summary of technical solutions for stopping massive ongoing hemorrhage prior to the demise of our patients. Each chapter directly addresses a unique area or scenario and is authored by impressively all-star experienced clinicians who share their best and most eloquent technical solutions to the issue of arresting persistent life-threatening hemorrhage. While individual authors are always credited with a specific chapter, each contributor acknowledges that in many cases, these tricks have been handed down from clinician to clinician beginning prior to the practice of Hippocrates. Stopping ongoing bleeding in an efficient and smooth manner is something that separates the master clinician from the one who is still growing. It is also amongst the most impressive things to watch amongst our colleagues.

We hope this textbook will serve as a tremendous technical resource the next time you are faced with caring for a persistently bleeding patient nearing physiologic extremis.

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