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Foreword

There are many excellent textbooks on gastroenterology and surgery that cover the subject of inflammatory bowel disease and familial adenomatous polyposis. However, Professor Delaini has chosen authors in this book for their special interest, experience and expertise in their assigned topics. Even a superficial look at the chapter titles will reveal that certain disease processes occurring proximal to or outside the large intestine are covered in this text, yet all within the domain of the “abdominal” or colorectal surgeon. Medical management of the patient with inflammatory bowel disease and familial adenomatous polyposis is also included.

Inflammatory bowel disease surgery has undergone major progress in the last 25 years. There are new operations available for most patients with inflammatory bowel disease that alleviate suffering in Crohn’s disease and offer curative therapy in ulcerative colitis while permitting ever-increasing opportunities for nearly normal intestinal and sexual function.

The objective of the editor in producing this volume has been essentially threefold: first, to assemble the current methods of treatment for these conditions; second, to present a thoughtful approach to management of complications associated with these therapies; and third, to explore newer therapies that are being tried for these diseases in which aetiologies are unknown.

To these ends, the editor has enlisted a group of authors who are already distinguished for their contributions in their respective fields. As a result, they have been able to bring readers up to date with the latest advances in their chosen field of excellence.

I have no doubt of the great value of this volume, and I offer my warmest congratulations to Professor Delaini and his collaborators on a very timely publication, which will assuredly earn them the deep gratitude of their colleagues who have to deal on a daily basis with patients suffering from these maladies.

Stanley M. Goldberg

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