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This book is dedicated to our children Ben Joseph Seifer, Charlie Max Seifer, Denise Collins, and Robbie Collins, for the joy, love and promise they represent.
Preface

The practice of clinical reproductive medicine has gradually moved from its initial 1980–90 hospital base to its present (circa 2001) office site of operation. With this transition have been improvements in efficiency of practice often in response to increased pressure to provide the most patient satisfaction. An added challenge of office-based practice has been taking on many of the responsibilities of what had been traditionally the hospital’s domain. Some of these new responsibilities have included the ordering of operative supplies and equipment, the establishment of quality control programs, construction and maintenance of special laboratory spaces, redesigning efficient methods of practice in the era of managed care and coordinating ancillary offsite medical personnel.

The objective of this text is to assist in this ongoing endeavor by presenting in a clear, concise manner many of the topics relevant to contemporary office-based infertility practice. The initial half of this text addresses topics which focus upon general concepts of infertility evaluation and practice. The latter half is a practical approach to the execution of specific office-based infertility procedures. We hope this book will assist all medical personnel who dedicate their clinical effort in achieving what is most coveted by our patients, the birth of a healthy newborn.

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