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Preface

Advances in instrumentation and surgical techniques continue to yield improvements in the surgical management of sinus disease. Rhinologists have developed techniques to address disease in remote areas along the anterior skull base so that many procedures previously performed using an open approach may now be performed endoscopically. Despite these advances, the complex anatomy and remote location of the frontal recess continue to pose challenges in the surgical management of frontal sinus disease. The narrow funnel-shaped aperture and important surrounding structures can predispose to complications most rhinologists hope to avoid they can do without. Because of this, it is not uncommon to hear at rhinology meetings that it is usually best for the average otolaryngologist to avoid instrumentation in this area, especially in primary surgeries. Numerous manuscripts are published describing the anatomy, diagnostic techniques, and medical and surgical management of frontal sinus disease. But as our residents and fellows survey the literature, they often wish they had a single comprehensive source of information related to the anatomy and management of frontal sinus disorders.

This project was initiated in order to fill this void and to provide a valuable source of information not only for academic institutions but also for the private practice environment. Most of the world’s leading authorities in rhinology were invited to participate. Chapters in the book are arranged in a logical fashion, providing a comprehensive body of information beginning with the history of frontal sinus surgery and addressing more complex surgical concepts as the reader progresses through the text. Each chapter was written by authors that possess extensive experience on the topic and have previously published on the particular anatomical structure or issue the chapter addresses. The result is the first exhaustive frontal sinus textbook that can be used as a reference source by both academic and practicing otolaryngologists worldwide.

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