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Preface

Much infertility today, particularly in North America, Europe, and Australia, is managed by gynecologists. As a consequence, few infertility clinicians receive adequate training in the management of male infertility. Thus, when a male patient arrives in the clinic, clinicians may have a problem in determining the correct management of this type of infertility. Owing to a lack of understanding of the causes of male infertility and, in particular, due to a failure to come to a diagnosis, various forms of assisted conception are used in these patients that may either not be necessary or are used without an understanding of the underlying cause and pathophysiology of the infertility.

This book has therefore been written with the gynecologist in mind. It is not a comprehensive textbook of andrology – and, indeed, it is not meant to be. It is designed to help clinicians understand underlying pathologies that can result in male infertility and guide more rational treatment.

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Overall, it has been a pleasure for me to write this book and I hope that it will be of help to the many gynecologists who work in infertility clinics and face the, often difficult, problems that can give rise to infertility in men.