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Preface

Despite advances in the medical management of gynecologic conditions, many common disorders continue to require surgical intervention to resolve. Our patients literally put their life in our hands each time they agree to a gynecologic procedure. As a result, it behooves each gynecologic surgeon to be prepared to provide the best care possible to each and every patient. Many books and references are available covering surgical anatomy or specific techniques in gynecology; however, nearly all of these references are traditional textbooks. Research has demonstrated that contemporary practitioners and learners are more comfortable with a case-based approach to learning since, in practice, problems present themselves as cases in the form of real patients.

Surgical Gynecology: A Case-Based Approach was designed with this educational preference in mind. In this textbook, our authors present common problems encountered during gynecologic surgery in a case-based format. Similar to the SASGOG written book Office Gynecology: A Case-Based Approach, this book is designed to both be read cover-to-cover as a comprehensive guide and is also suitable as a quick reference when similar cases present in the course of patient care.

We chose approximately 90 common surgical situations for this book. Most were chosen because they are frequently encountered surgical dilemmas in practice; however, we also included some unusual but highly interesting cases. The cases in Surgical Gynecology: A Case-Based Approach are divided based on the surgical approach to the procedure: hysteroscopic, laparoscopic, robotic, transvaginal, and abdominal. The authors have also attempted to ensure that the cases cover the entire spectrum of surgical gynecology from preoperative to intraoperative to postoperative challenges.

As we constructed the cases included in this book, we encouraged our authors to base their writing and recommendations on previously published clinical guidelines that were created by national organizations and based on high quality evidence. Unfortunately, in many surgical situations, national guidelines do not exist. In these cases without high-quality evidence, we present the best evidence available for management combined with carefully reasoned expert opinion in order to bridge the gaps in the available evidence.

The cases were written to be of particular relevance to specialists in general obstetrics and gynecology, but are intended to be useful to anyone caring for women undergoing gynecologic surgery. We are very grateful to our extensive team of authors. All authors are members of the Society for Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology (SASGOG). Without their hard work and dedication to the education of women’s health care providers, this book would not be possible. We hope you find this book both educational and a trusted reference as you care for your patients.