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As a college tutor, I am grateful to the excellent team of editors and authors for preparing such a superb second edition and I’m looking forward to using it to help the resident doctors I work with to prepare for the Final FRCA, and to refresh my own knowledge too.’

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– Phil Harrington

To Stu and my family – thanks for all your patience
and understanding
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Preface

The second edition of this book has been written entirely by either post-fellowship trainees or recently appointed consultants in anaesthesia and it is intended that it should complement the ever-popular Dr Podcasts. The authors have all had recent experience of anaesthetic examinations or have examining experience and were best placed to write about their areas of interest in an exam-orientated, concise and relevant manner.

The subject areas mirror those of the podcasts and it is hoped that the contents of the book will prove invaluable for candidates preparing for the Final FRCA examinations. The book can either be read in conjunction with the podcasts, or used as a separate resource to aid revision.

The format is built along the lines of a structured oral examination (SOE) and elements of it reflect the composition of model answers to the constructed response questions (CRQs). Key components of the Royal College of Anaesthetists syllabus have been selected for podcasting and publication because they feature regularly in the exam.

Additional topics have been introduced to cover more areas of the syllabus and reflect changes or advances in practice since the publication of the first edition.