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Foreword

This textbook, *Assisted Reproductive Technology Surveillance*, has been written because the editors and publisher realized that many professionals, policy makers and patients were unaware of the significant accomplishments of global ART surveillance made during the past four decades. Because management is not possible without measurement, it is important to share the international history, experience, successes, current knowledge and challenges to increase the quantity and quality of global ART data. Subsequent analysis and understanding of ART practice will lead to improved-quality patient care.

The purpose of this book is to provide: a comprehensive history since the very beginning of global ART registry development and surveillance; the principles of surveillance; a detailed description of how to collect, analyze and use surveillance data; an understanding of international similarities and differences; surveillance of non-ART fertility treatments; and standardized terminology and data collection forms. This book will provide the reader with everything they need to develop, improve, understand and use national and international ART surveillance data.

This book is written by the professionals who, over decades, have created and maintained most of the national, regional and global registries for ART surveillance. Their wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise is unparalleled. They share not only their successes, but also their failures, limitations and current challenges.

This comprehensive book on global ART surveillance is a must-read for all stakeholders in the international ART community. Understanding where we have been, where we are and where we are going will enable all of us to improve the systems of care, the evidence we use and the personalized care we give to each patient. It is important to acknowledge all the patients who provided their data, the professionals who have created the current ART surveillance systems and the readers who will continue this progress in the future.

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