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Introduction

Paediatric and adolescent gynaecology (PAG) is a subspecialty that encompasses a broad spectrum of conditions affecting girls from birth up to adulthood. For younger children, vulval dermatological conditions are frequently seen, whilst the adolescent population will often present with menstrual dysfunction or pelvic pain, with a range of aetiologies. Rarer conditions, such as disorders of puberty, including precocious puberty, delayed puberty and primary amenorrhoea, may be associated with complex underlying conditions and are therefore appropriately managed in conjunction with paediatric endocrinologists. The more rare congenital gynaecological anomalies, including differences in sex development and Müllerian duct anomalies, will often present initially at adolescence to a local gynaecology service but are more complex and require specialist multidisciplinary team input in tertiary centres.

This book is aimed at trainees in gynaecology and reproductive medicine and consultants with an interest in PAG. It also provides detailed guidance and knowledge for all health care professionals working in the multidisciplinary team providing care for girls with gynaecological conditions, providing practical information about appropriate management and when to refer on.

Chapters 1–6 cover normal embryological development and puberty, history taking and examination and the more common PAG conditions. Chapters 7–15 cover the more complex conditions, including safeguarding and legal aspects of PAG. Key learning points are highlighted at the end of each chapter.

We have been delighted to work with authors within the field of PAG who have been selected as international experts in their fields and hope this book will inform and inspire future generations of PAG clinicians.