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Preface

This book was written to provide practical recommendations for the perioperative management of neurosurgical procedures in pediatric patients. The constant evolution in the care of infants and children with neurosurgical conditions and the recognition of age-related differences in the surgical lesions, anatomy, and physiological responses to surgery and anesthesia have fueled pediatric subspecialization by our colleagues in neurosurgery and critical care. The guidance prescribed by these chapters is founded on anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology unique to the infant and child and is based on the expertise and experience of international authorities on the care of pediatric neurosurgical patients. This approach ensures that best practices in pediatric neuroanesthesia are part of the repertoire and skill set of the reader as technological innovations in neurosurgery and interventional neuroradiology emerge.