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## Preface

Disorders of the function of parathyroid glands most commonly present with abnormalities of calcium homeostasis. The area of mineral metabolism was not receiving the same attention as diseases affecting other endocrine glands. This was due in part to the lack of targeted medical therapies both in hyperparathyroidism and in hypoparathyroidism. However, recent developments in the medical therapy of hypoparathyroidism has created a renewed interest in parathyroid disorders overall.

Clinical practice guidelines, which describe the consensus of experts in the field, are available for the management of hyperparathyroidism and hypoparathyroidism. Recognition of the need for more research to optimize care in parathyroid disorders has emerged in recent publications.

This book puts together the experiences of specialists in the field, as the demands placed upon a clinician's time are both unrelenting and enormous. As a busy specialist in this field, I believe there is a genuine need for an up-to-date evidence-based overview that is practically oriented. The aim of this book is to serve as a practical guide to the clinical management of common parathyroid conditions.

The book will be relevant to specialists, general practitioners, undergraduates, postgraduates, and clinical nurse specialists. I am extremely grateful to the contributors who, as experts in their individual areas, have provided authority, experience, and invaluable insight. Finally, we would like to thank Karger for having the trust, determination, and encouragement to carry this project to fruition.

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