Foreword

Anesthesiologists in Obstetric Care: Beyond Labor Epidurals and C-Section Care

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Anesthesiology is moving toward perioperative medicine. In the Obstetric arena, this could simply focus on the time around delivery, but there are opportunities for anesthesiologists to focus on the period before delivery and beyond this acute 24- to 72-hour time period. In thinking about our ability to enhance obstetric care, the current editors have expanded the articles to include these time periods. They have also included an article on the implications of anesthesia on the developing fetus. The current series of articles helps define best practices and our ability to influence care and serve our obstetric patients.

This issue was proposed by a leader in thought in this arena and previous editor on this topic, Robert R. Gaiser, MD, MEd. Dr Gaiser is Professor and Chair of Anesthesiology at the University of Kentucky. He is the past President of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology and a leader in Obstetric anesthesiology. He is also an expert in education and is Chair of the Anesthesiology Residency Review Committee and a member of the American Board of Anesthesiology. He has enlisted a former colleague from the University of Pennsylvania, Onyi Onuoha, MD, MPH, to assist in editing this issue. Dr Onuoha completed a fellowship in obstetric anesthesia and focused on both quality improvement and education in obstetric anesthetic care. Together,

they have brought together a phenomenal group of authors to educate us on best current practices.

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