Foreword

Anesthesia Outside of the Operating Room: The Wild West or the New Frontier?

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An ever-increasing percentage of anesthetics is being performed outside of the operating room (OR) setting. These cases initially represented a small part of our care, but with the development of minimally invasive medical procedures, we are spending more time outside the OR. While outpatient endoscopy represents a procedure in healthy individuals that can also be effectively performed with sedation, some of the newer procedures are performed in those with multiple comorbidities and require significant anesthetic skill. Understanding the logistics of providing such care outside of our usual comfort zone of the OR is the topic of the current issue of the *Anesthesiology Clinics*.

This issue was proposed by two leaders in thought in this arena, Mark S. Weiss, MD and Wendy L. Gross, MD. Dr Weiss is Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania. He directs the inpatient endoscopy anesthesia service at Penn and is developing an online educational platform, NORAlink. Dr Gross is Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Cardiac Anesthesia Liaison Service at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr Gross is the President of SONORIA, the Society of Non-OR Intervention and Anesthesia. Together, they have brought together a

phenomenal group of authors from both anesthesia and the relevant medical specialties to educate us on best current practices.

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