Foreword

Gender, Racial, and Socioeconomic Issues in Perioperative Medicine

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Increasing attention has been focused on drivers of health with an emphasis on the impact of both social and environmental factors accounting for up to 40% of premature death. While race and gender were traditionally viewed as genetic factors, more recent evidence has demonstrated their impact on issues of access and other determinants of health disparities. Traditionally, the impact of these factors is considered outside of the domain of the anesthesiologist. The authors of this issue of *Anesthesiology Clinics* have written a series of important articles demonstrating the impact of these factors in perioperative care. In attempting to reduce the effect of disparities, we must diversify our workforce, which is also discussed in the final 2 articles.

In order to assemble a series of articles for Gender, Racial, and Socioeconomic Issues in Perioperative Medicine, I have enlisted a group of editors from the University of Virginia, Department of Anesthesiology. Katherine T. Forkin, MD is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and focuses on caring for patients requiring general surgery and liver transplantation. Her research interests include medical education, gender and bias in medicine, and quality improvement. Lauren K. Dunn, MD, PhD is also Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and focuses on caring for patients requiring neurosurgery. Her research interests include surgery-induced opioid dependence, sleep and fatigue. Edward C. Nemergut, MD, is the Frederic A. Berry Professor of Anesthesiology and vice-chair in the Department of Anesthesiology. Dr Nemergut has had a career-long interest in education and founded the University of Virginia Department of Anesthesiology's Medical Education Research Group to promote

more precise research in medical education. Together, they have assembled an all-star group of authors to educate in this area.

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