



Foreword

Vascular Anesthesiology: Managing the High-Risk Patient



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Patients undergoing vascular surgery have atherosclerotic disease that affects most of the body's organs, including their heart. Over the past several decades, surgical interventions for peripheral vascular disease have become less invasive while the medical management of these patients has improved. When I completed my vascular anesthesia fellowship, the care for these patients was among the most complex, and extensive preoperative evaluation was common. In this issue of *Anesthesiology Clinics*, the editors have provided some basic epidemiology and physiology of vascular disease and discuss the entire perioperative care from preoperative evaluation, intraoperative management and monitoring, and postoperative critical care.

In order to commission an issue on vascular anesthesia care, I invited two cardiovascular anesthesiologists. Dr Megan Kostibas is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She earned her MD from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She completed her anesthesiology residency and cardiothoracic anesthesiology and critical care medicine fellowships at Johns Hopkins. Dr Kostibas serves as the program director of the Adult Cardiothoracic and Intervention Echocardiography Fellowship. Dr Heather K. Hayanga is an Associate Professor in the Division of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesiology at the West Virginia University. She earned her MD at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health in health policy and comparative health systems from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She completed her Anesthesiology

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