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Foreword

Pediatric and adolescent gynecology is now a well-recognized field in medicine and surgery. It is also a very unique approach to care of the female child from birth until adulthood, and it is not simply by chance that pediatric endocrinology has played a central role in its development. It happened to be at the crossroads of most of the specific problems of developmental and reproductive issues.

The first edition has been so successful, under the leadership of Professor Charles Sultan, that a second edition is now being presented. It is the witness of a specific demand to again fill the gap in pre-adult gynecology, a practice involving a large number of topics examining the most recent technology, relevant scientific basis as well as sensitive public health issues.

This second edition has been a challenge for both editor and authors alike. Medical progress in this area has grown tremendously in recent years. Solid traditional practice, more often called evidence-based medicine, is always needed. However, new topics are also presented in a critical way in this unique book. It is well updated on the technological side: use of ultrasound, molecular genetics as performed in most laboratories, and surgery in sex disorders. New problems in relation to reproductive medicine in cancer survivors, patients with genital malformations, or those with expected sterility are also presented.

Adolescent girls are more than ever before being exposed to new problems and risks in their sexual life. Some of these problems are related to transmissible diseases, others are critical social problems related to reproduction and contraception. A comprehensive and prudent approach is needed and is presented here in this edition. The teenage girl deserves the new chapters that have been devoted to her in this book. Pediatricians should be aware of the complexity and importance of female adolescent health care.

I have no doubt that this, the second edition, will be well received and soon be on the desks of many pediatricians, general practitioners and public health specialists. Its content sets a sound basis for clinical practice.

A needed acquisition in girls’ and women’s health, to which I wish great success.

Raphaël Rappaport, Paris
The field of pediatric and adolescent gynecology (PAG) has always been of particular interest to physicians. Long at the interface of Pediatrics, Gynecology, Endocrinology, Surgery and Psychiatry, PAG has expanded to now include such fields as Genetics, Legal Medicine, Sport Medicine, Public Health and Sociology.

In response to the growing impact of PAG, a European Post-Graduate Diploma is now being prepared that will equip physicians with the ability to address these many aspects in a comprehensive manner.

I hope this second edition, written by specialists from all over the world and covering a broad range of topics, will be as successful as the first edition.

In my 30 years of clinical practice, I have seen the various disorders of young girls either being minimized and neglected or overdramatized and overtreated.

I am convinced that this book will be an indispensable tool for all physicians caring for the gynecological health of children and adolescents.

Charles Sultan, Montpellier