Preface

The purpose of the Handbook of Parathyroid Diseases is to present a concise yet comprehensive overview of our current knowledge in the area of parathyroid function, hormone regulation, and medical and surgical management of disease states. Many advances have been made in particular over the past decade in our understanding of molecular biology, physiology, genetics, cell signaling, hormone regulation, imaging, surgical, and pharmacologic intervention. These advances are conveyed to the practitioner in an easy-to-read format which is both practical and user friendly. This book will be of great value to students, residents, and physicians in endocrinology, surgery, radiology, nuclear medicine, pediatrics, primary care, internal medicine, biochemistry, and pathology. The handbook will educate the reader using a case-based approach presenting current evidence in the field. The material is presented in easy-to-read and understandable language with liberal use of tables and textboxes whenever possible. Complex concepts are conveyed in simple and clear language. Leading national and international experts have contributed to this state-of-the-art book which is unique in its depth of knowledge and practicality.

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