Although hard to believe, we have already reached the third edition of the book since its first publication in 2002. While we are fully aware that no major breakthroughs have occurred in the management of diabetic foot problems during this period, significant improvements in our knowledge regarding the pathogenesis of diabetic foot problems and in the health care treatment of this condition have taken place. We have therefore tried to include all these developments in this edition. We have no doubt that, given the unabated pandemic of diabetes worldwide, these new developments will be very useful to both researchers and clinical providers involved in the field. As with the previous editions, we have also tried to blend this new knowledge with the time-tested principles of diabetic foot management that are part of the long tradition of the Joslin-Beth Israel Deaconess Foot Center.

It is our hope that the third edition will continue to serve the scientific and clinical community at the same level as the previous two editions have done. In that sense, we are really indebted to the contributors of this edition, the majority of which have contributed to the previous editions. We also wish to thank Humana Press for their support in the project.

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