This book focuses on patients with difficult fracture situations, special injury combinations or other conditions that require interdisciplinary actions.

The idea behind this book was to provide complementary information to that available in most general orthopaedic or trauma text books. Most standard text books cover classifications of specific injuries and fractures, and provide specific information for the orthopaedic attending or the one working in general surgery. In clinical practice, many patients require close interactions between multiple services involved to treat these injuries. Moreover, certain special clinical situations can occur that are difficult to standardize, such as fractures in pregnancy, fractures in osteoporotic bone and certain head and facial injuries.

The selection of authors has been twofold. First, all of them are experts in their particular field. Second, the editors have sought to include experts from all over the world, hoping that even particular problems located in certain regions can be addressed. Finally, the selection of authors was designed to hopefully provide the most global view on particular problems possible. For example, infectious complications of the bone differ according to where they are being treated. Local injury patterns and regional genetic predispositions differ and can lead to specific infections assigned to certain countries. We do hope that this book covers the vast majority of special issues and adds to the current knowledge in interdisciplinary trauma care.

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