Preface

This book forms the latest addition to the European Manual series published by Springer, and is the second edition of the European Manual of Coloproctology. It will be the first standard and recommended textbook of the European Society of Coloproctology. The editors have again brought together authors, each of whom has both an international reputation within coloproctology or an allied specialty and a desire to see ever-improving standards in coloproctology across Europe.

The individual chapters of this book are written by experienced colleagues in the field, and the publication aims to establish uniform European standards with regard to the requirements of the EBSQ exams. In addition, it is a most valuable source of information for researchers and clinicians in the field allied disciplines. The manual will also be of assistance to the many practicing coloproctologists across Europe and beyond who undertake continued professional development.

This book covers all topics in coloproctology: anatomy, physiology, anal disorders, dermatology, functional disorders, inflammatory bowel disease, endometriosis, appendicitis, benign and malignant tumors, presacral tumors, laparoscopy, endoscopy, perioperative management, intestinal failure, abdominal wall reconstruction, and emergencies and pain syndromes. All chapters give a comprehensive overview on etiology, incidence, epidemiology, diagnostics, medical and surgical treatment, access, complications, and individual special considerations. Finally, all data were presented with the best available level of evidence.

In bringing together authors from all over Europe, the result is a book that provides great breath of knowledge and diversity of clinical practice. The editors trust that the reader will find in it a concise view of current European coloproctology that will be of value both in preparation for EBSQ examination and for those engaged in continued professional development.

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