

Preface

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We were pleased to edit this virtual symposium and appreciate the contributions of a very distinguished group of investigators. This symposium offers a concise review of our current understanding of the mechanisms of erection and the roles of androgen, the prevalence of disorders of erectile dysfunction (ED), available assessment tools, the role of the history and physical examination, laboratory testing,

the causes of ED, cardiovascular risks associated with the diagnosis and treatment of this disorder, and the available treatments as well as insights into treatments of the future. We hope that the symposium will be useful to the practitioner who is frequently confronted with patients experiencing this disorder and that it will be a useful overview for basic investigators and students.

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