

Preface



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Welcome to the edition entitled, *Spinal deformities: fundamental principles and practical applications*. This edition is the result of a collaborative effort between expert spine surgeons in neurosurgery and orthopaedic surgery. The operative management of patients who have deformity of the spine is challenging and is evolving with the development of new techniques and technologies. Approaches to management of patients who have spinal deformity are characterized by significant variability between and within subspecialties. The development of an evidence-based approach to the management of spinal deformity requires a rigorous assessment of clinical outcomes and ongoing collaboration and communication among all physicians who care for patients who have disorders of the spine. Shared resources for education and research will help us to develop an optimal approach to care, with the intention of benefiting the patient and the provider. In this issue, we introduce

important topics of spinal deformity to the reader, and introduce colleagues with whom future opportunities to learn may develop. We hope you find this issue a valuable resource.

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