

## Foreword

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I am honored to be invited to write the foreword for this outstanding and up-to-date book titled *Handbook of Endocrine Surgery* and edited by Rebecca Sippel, MD and Herb Chen MD. The editors, who are expert endocrine surgeons at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, have assembled a talented group of endocrine surgeons from the USA and Australasia as authors. This very practical and clinically oriented book provides valuable information for surgeons who care for patients with endocrine surgical problems. The authors present concise information regarding the preoperative evaluation, surgical technique, approach and decisions on how to avoid complications, and how to manage postoperative problems when they occur.

Endocrine surgery is a rapidly evolving specialty of general surgery and head and neck surgery. Recent publications document that patients operated upon by surgeons who perform more endocrine surgical operations have fewer complications than when the same operations are performed by less experienced surgeons. Most major medical centers in the USA and worldwide now have endocrine surgical teams that work closely with endocrinologists, nuclear medicine physicians, radiation therapists, cytologists, pathologists and basic scientists. National and International Endocrine Surgical meetings have been established and are growing rapidly.

We must be thankful for the contributions to endocrine surgery by Drs. Theodor Kocher, William Halsted, Harvey Cushing, George Crile, Frank H. Lahey, Charles Mayo, Oliver Cope, Selwyn Taylor, Richard Wellbourn, Per-Ola Granberg, Leon Goldman, Oliver H. Beahrs, Norman Thompson, Charles Proye, Hans Roeder, Thom Reeves, Samuel A. Wells,

Edwin Kaplan and many other surgeons who have helped to improve the care of patients with endocrine surgical disorders. This book by Drs. Sippel and Chen helps follow this rich tradition.

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