## Preface

Color Doppler sonography has opened new scopes for our specialty not just in perinatology but also in gynecology and oncology. This new technology has enabled the precise visualization and detailed examination of highly complex vascular structures.

The present book, which contains over 40 contributions from leading experts, is intended to present relevant information in an easy-to-read format that will be an authoritative guide in both routine and specialized diagnostic situations. Practical tips and guidelines will help the reader to use color Doppler ultrasound appropriately and effectively. Reference curves and documentation guidelines are integrated into the various chapters.

This book is being published at a time when the clinical relevance of color Doppler sonography has become an extremely topical issue. By providing a comprehensive review of the literature and a detailed subject index, the editors and contributing authors have tried to bring newcomers up to date on the research aspects and clinical applications of color Doppler imaging.

This book can also provide a valuable reference for interested colleagues who are preparing for national registry examinations.

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It was the explicit goal of the editors and contributors to provide the interested reader and ultrasound user with a reference that would be of substantial value for everyday clinical work.

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