Preface Complications of Cirrhosis







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Cirrhosis ranks among the most common global causes of morbidity and mortality. While effective therapies for some liver diseases, such as direct-acting antivirals against hepatitis C, have profoundly changed the landscape, an increasing number of patients with cirrhosis due to fatty liver disease, alcoholic liver disease, and autoimmune disease need to be evaluated for liver transplantation in the absence of effective treatment options. The knowledge gained from recent trials and the important results obtained from landmark research studies continuously inform our clinical practice. Thus, it is important to stay up-to-date with the current level of evidence underlying the recommendations for the management of patients at risk for developing various complications of cirrhosis. A thorough understanding of the diagnosis and management of cirrhosis and its complications is mandatory for the practicing physician.

In this special issue, we have gathered a unique group of experts that have contributed up-to-date articles on key aspects in the clinical management of complications of cirrhosis. We would like to thank them for their exceptional contributions that summarize the currently available management options and review increasingly important topics surrounding delivery of care to patients with cirrhosis. We hope that you enjoy reading this special issue of *Clinics in Liver Disease*, which should ultimately help to

guide you in your daily decision making while caring for your patients with advanced chronic liver disease.

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