Preface

Common Musculoskeletal Problems in the Ambulatory Setting

In this issue of Medical Clinics of North America, the focus is on the outpatient evaluation and management of common musculoskeletal complaints. Why is this information important to a busy practitioner? Musculoskeletal complaints and injuries comprise 15 to 30% of all primary care visits in the United States and Canada. The overarching goal of this issue is to provide a ready resource for busy clinicians managing these common musculoskeletal disorders.

The authors of this issue are all directly involved in patient care of the covered conditions, whether on the sidelines, clinic, or operating room. All articles encompass a succinct review of recent literature and each author has added clinical “pearls” to their assigned material. Topics covered are reflective of clinical practice in primary care, diverse in nature, and broad in scope.

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It is my pleasure to share this work with you. I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as I did assembling it.

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