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Preface

In the Preface of *Australasian Anaesthesia 2001*, we reported that it was hoped that the "Blue Book" would become an annual production. For a variety of reasons, that was not possible.

Despite this lapse, the popularity of this continuing education project has not waned. College Fellows often ask us when the next edition will appear. Trainees are even more demanding. They are convinced that a large proportion of examination questions derive from its contents.

We hope your expectations for this new edition will be met by the mix of papers you will find here. Many have had their origins in presentations at Faculty, Regional or Special Interest Group meetings. Some revisit old problems. Many reflect our increasing concern regarding medico-legal and ethical issues which trouble society as a whole, not just the members of our professions. All have been chosen by members of the Editorial group, whose interest was provoked when they first heard the authors talk about their topics. Without the support and enthusiasm of the sub-editors, the production of this book would be impossible.

We wish to thank all the authors, a number of whom are not members of our College or its Faculties, for the time and effort they have given to *Australasian Anaesthesia 2003*. It is no easy matter to sit down and organise an essay of several thousand words. As usual, the papers have been subject to minimal peer review and their content remains the responsibility of the individual authors.

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