

Foreword

Cystic fibrosis is a complex, chronic disease with a multitude of clinical manifestations. This supplement focuses on the important gastrointestinal (GI) manifestations with two objectives: 1) to delineate current thinking on the optimal approach to evaluation and treatment and 2) to identify areas that are ripe for scientific investigation.

The many contributors to the supplement deserve a sincere thanks and recognition. They include the manuscript authors, many of whom are participants in the DIGEST (Developing Innovative Gastrointestinal Training) program. This CF Foundation sponsored program was designed to recruit and train gastroenterologists to CF care and research, an acute need in the CF community. Acclaimed and experienced CF clinicians and researchers from around the world were selected to complement the DIGEST awardees as coauthors. The co-editors, Drs. Freedman and Wilschanski, have done an outstanding job shepherding the process from concept to a plan with topics and a timeline, and then flawlessly executed the plan by recruiting the authors and overseeing the peer review process. We are also grateful to the editors and staff at the *Journal of Cystic Fibrosis*.

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As you scan the Table of Contents, you will find that it reflects an international effort with contributors from eight countries scattered across North America, Europe and Australasia. Increasingly, we see the remarkable benefits of global collaboration in advancing CF care and research on behalf of people with CF and their families. Regardless of where you live and work, or your connection to CF (clinician, researcher, adult with CF, family member or friend of someone with CF), we hope that you find this supplement to be of interest.

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