
Preface

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For reasons of confidentiality, the clinical examples are made up of composite case histories and do not refer to real individual patients.

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