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To Gerlinde and Julia

Preface

This book is addressed to all professions who have to deal with chest drains – not only physicians of any specialisation but also nurses. It is my strong conviction that – with the exception of very few – all who work in somatic acute and emergency medicine should be able to manage chest drains and chest drain systems properly!

This is so important because a chest drain managed in the wrong way can be truly dangerous or even life threatening for the patient.

According to my knowledge, so far there is no such an elaborated book dealing with chest drains and chest drain systems covering all issues – beginning with anatomy and ending up with pain management and physiotherapy. That's why I am very grateful that the publishing company Springer made this project possible. I also want to thank my co-authors, who made it happened and helped publish this book just on schedule due to their tremendous work. My special thanks concerning this English edition of the text book go to Dr. Sarah Counts from Yale University who transformed my "school English" into a readable textbook!

Those who will read the entire book will mention that there are some reiterations concerning one or more chapters. This is intended! On the one hand it may make sense to repeat important aspects from a didactic point of view. On the other hand, the more experienced reader will pick just the chapter they are interested in.

I am open to critics and would appreciate to receive critics because this is the only way to improve and which hopefully may lead to a second edition!

Konstanz, September 2016

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