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After more than 25 years the International Course on Peritoneal Dialysis of Vicenza has become a classic appointment for beginners and experts in the field of peritoneal dialysis. In 2009, the 18th edition is to be held once more in Vicenza with the classic format including basic principles as well as advanced studies and cutting-edge experimental reports. All these pieces of knowledge are included in this volume that, according to our tradition, is published in time for the conference.

Peritoneal dialysis represents more than ever an important approach to the therapy of chronic kidney disease. Its integration with other techniques in the therapy of uremia represents an important step in the optimization of the whole program of renal replacement therapy. Today’s clinical practice and basic research in the field of peritoneal dialysis seem to proceed in parallel, leading to a true translational research program for peritoneal dialysis. Clinical results from multicenter studies and physiological findings from experimental studies both contribute to a significant progress in the knowledge and to the safe and adequate application of peritoneal dialysis. All these aspects are discussed by leading experts in the field and their contributions in this volume will represent an important tool for the reader to become familiar with today’s art of peritoneal dialysis. Our thanks go to the authors for their efforts to convey their knowledge in a concise but complete text, and to Karger publishers for the efficient and competent publication of the present volume. This book, in conjunction with the previous volumes published in the series Contribution to Nephrology, represents an important source of
information for beginners and experts, basic scientists and clinical physi-
cians, and students and investigators who want to have a true update on the
current research and clinical practice in peritoneal dialysis.

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