Preface

This special issue of *Hormone Research in Paediatrics* is devoted to the endocrine management and follow-up of children with a previous history of cancer. As the cure rates for cancers in children and adolescents continue to improve, endocrine practitioners are increasingly likely to encounter survivors in their clinics. In this issue, we have assembled a roster of experts to address the most common endocrine and metabolic complications observed in cancer survivors. The first article in this issue is meant to orient the endocrinologist to the cancer diagnoses and therapies most often associated with adverse endocrine outcomes. Subsequent articles focus on the important issues of impaired linear growth, central precocious puberty, hypogonadism in males and females, disorders of the thyroid gland, diabetes mellitus and the metabolic syndrome, hypothalamic obesity, and disorders of bone. It is our hope that these state-of-the-art reviews will assist the clinician in diagnosing and managing these various endocrine disorders with the goal of improving the quality of life and reducing the morbidity and mortality in this vulnerable population.

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