Foreword

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Pediatric ACL injuries. If this subject appeared 20 years ago when I coauthored two articles in a *Clinics in Sports Medicine* issue on Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries guest edited by a very young-looking Freddie Fu (and he still looks young), then it would have only been one article. However, it didn't even get that—and now we have dedicated an entire issue to Pediatric ACL injuries . . . Wow! Twenty years ago, a midsubstance ACL injury in a child was almost unheard of—now it is commonplace. Is this because we missed something, or is it because athletes are taking on faster and more aggressive sports earlier and earlier? Probably both, but it is true that these injuries, which remain a significant challenge, are becoming increasingly common and demand solutions. This, despite the fact that only recently have we solved (or have we?) the problem with adult ACL reconstruction with anatomic techniques, championed by, you guessed it, Dr Freddie Fu.

Dr Ted Ganley from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (affectionately referred to as CHOP in the orthopedic world) has assembled an all-star roster of surgeons familiar with pediatric ACL injuries to bring us up to date on the challenges and (hopefully) solutions for Pediatric ACL injuries. The issue thoroughly covers controversies regarding nonoperative versus operative management, imaging, graft choices, injury prevention, rehabilitation, epidemiology, and various surgical techniques. This is an important issue, not only because these injuries are on the rise, but because these patients have so much longevity. And . . . as the saying goes, "nothing spoils good results like long-term follow-up."

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