Hormonal therapy offers a potentially powerful approach to the treatment of sexual disorders in men. However the interplay of different hormones within different bodily systems is carefully balanced; judicious judgement is required in the therapeutic use of hormones to minimize unwelcome side effects.

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The aim of this book is to provide a clinical ‘in the office’ or ‘at the bedside’ guide to effective patient care for sexual medicine physicians, urologists, gynecologists and other health-care providers in practice and in training. The tone will be practical, not academic. The working assumption is that readers want to know what (and what not) might or should be done, without over emphasis on the why. That said, it is important to review the crucial basic science necessary for effective diagnosis and management, and to provide reminders in the context of the practical chapters.

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- ‘Caution’ warning boxes – hints on avoiding problems, perhaps via contraindications

- ‘Science Revisited’ – quick reminder of the basic science principles necessary for understanding

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