Acknowledgement

"To teach, to guide
to explain, to nurture -
these are life's
noblest attainments"

With first thought I offer my obeisance to God almighty without whose silent but omni present help none of this would have been possible.

I express my utmost, heart felt acknowledgement to my respected teachers, who embody vast knowledge, experience and perform the task of God by imparting knowledge to us and moulding our future.

With a sense of reverence and humble submission, I am very grateful to Dr. M. Kapoor (M.S.), Professor & Head, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, M.L.B. Medical College, Jhansi, also my co-guide for moulding me capable enough to understand the subject and imparting the knowledge and skill necessary for this study. Her ever helpful nature, generosity, loving attitude & practical approach to life will always be a source of inspiration to me. I shall always remain indebted to her guidance, advise and help.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude and regards that I express my thanks to my guide Professor Dr. Sunita Arora (M.S., FICOG), Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Her keen interest, untiring efforts, constant supervision, constructive criticism and valuable help which she readily extended to me at every stage of this work has been a constant source of encouragement.
Words fail to express my gratitude to my co-guide, Dr. S. Sharma M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, M.L.B. Medical College, Jhansi. Her invaluable suggestions, silent yet strong attitude towards work were a constant source of inspiration during the course of this work.

I am grateful to my co-guide, Dr. R.C. Arora (M.D.), Professor & Head of the Department of Medicine, M.L.B. Medical College, Jhansi for providing me all facilities and rendering his valuable guidance & supervision. His wide experience in the field of medicine has helped me to accomplish the present work with unobstructed spontaneity.

Also, I am extremely grateful to Dr. Navneet Agarwal (M.D.) Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, M.L.B. Medical College, Jhansi my co-guide, for his guidance and keen interest extended to me during this period of study.

It is with due regards that I pay my gratitude to my co-guide Dr. Ratna Saxena (M.D.), Professor, Department of Pathology for her support and knowledge of various aspects of the subject. It would have been difficult for me to accomplish the project without her help.

I am extremely grateful to Mr. B.D. Mathur, M.Sc., D.H.E., Professor, Statistics and Demography, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, M.L.B. Medical College, Jhansi for his keen interest in this work and his ready help in the completion and evaluation of monumental statistics during the course of this work.

I shall forever, remain grateful to my revered teachers, Dr. U. Agarwal (M.S.), Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Dr. S. Kharkwal (M.D.) Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, M.L.B. Medical College,
Jhansi for providing me with help and guidance at every stage of this work.

I also like to thank Dr. Praveen Jain (Radiologist - Vardhman Diagnostic Centre, Jhansi) for providing me with help as and when required.

I also wish to record my heartfelt appreciation for immense cooperation of all the residents of Obstetrics and Gynaecology department.

Words can not express the debt I owe to my mother. She has always been there to encourage and motivate and make me what I am. To my father, whose soul lies within me, I owe everything, though he has departed from this world. I can always feel him watching from the heaven above, showering his blessings in every step of my life. I thank my father in law and mother in law for all the concern and encouragement they have given me without which I would not have been here.

My heartily thanks to my husband, Dr. Rishi for his ever encouraging and helpful attitude. Without his support, patience and constant guidance, the present work would not have been possible. His mere presence has motivated me to attain the goals which seemed impossible.

I am thankful to Mr. Rajendra (Priyanka Computer) for typing the script of this text and giving a beautiful shape to my thesis.

Finally, I wish to thank my patients who contributed and cooperated without which this work would have never reached the present stage.

Dated: 23.4.2003

Jaya Pathak