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## 内 容 简 介

本教材系统地介绍了流行病学的基本原理和方法,内容简明易懂,每章后面附有重要专业词汇和部分练习题,适合初学流行病学的临床医学专业的留学生和本科生双语教学作为入门教材,也可以作为其他医学相关专业,如护理学、口腔医学、药学、公共卫生服务等专业的学生学习流行病学的教材。本教材也可以供卫生专业工作人员学习和应用流行病学参考。

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## **General Foreword**

### **总序言**

随着中国政治、经济、文化的快速发展,中国软实力和国际影响力的不断提升,《留学中国计划》的逐步实施,越来越多的外国人认识到留学中国的未来价值,来华留学生规模不断扩大。2013年有来自200个国家和地区的346 499名外国留学生在我国746所高等院校和科研机构学习或进修,我国已经成为亚洲最大的留学目的地国家。

近年,来华学习医学的留学生人数增长尤为迅速,目前医学来华留学生人数已位居我国来华留学学生人数的首位,2013年高达21.76%,为29 048名。

为了维护我国高等教育的国际声誉,教育部高度重视医学来华留学生教育教学质量,不断加强对医学留学生教育教学的规范和管理,多种措施付诸实现。2007年教育部即制定了《来华留学生医学本科教育(英语授课)质量控制标准暂行规定》,要求招生院校严格落实执行。2013年7月教育部国际合作与交流司下达了《关于对招收本科临床医学专业(英语授课)来华留学生的高等学校进行专项工作检查的通知》,委托中国高等教育学会外国留学生教育管理分会组成专家组对招生院校进行专项工作检查。2013年8月,全国性的“来华留学生(医学)教学专业委员会”成立大会暨第一次学术研讨会在天津医科大学成功召开。2014年上半年,教育部国际合作与交流司又组织专家组对部分医学院校实施了飞行检查。2014年6月,“来华留学医学教育2014学术研讨会暨首届医学院校国际教育学院院长论坛”在安徽医科大学举办。

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该套教材的陆续出版,是我国对高校来华留学生教育教材系列化、专门化的首次探索。希冀其会对全面提升我国医学来华留学生教育质量水平,对规范我国医学来华留学生教育的教材建设,甚至对其他学科的留学生教材建设,起到积极的示范效应和引领性作用。

这是一个良好的开端,希望该套教材在今后教学中经过不断探索、不断总结,得到修订,日臻完善。

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## Preface

## 前言

The main goal of public health is to prevent and control disease in human populations. To reach this goal, we attempt to understand the nature of diseases, explore the causes of diseases, take action (public health programs) and evaluate the effectiveness of the actions. Epidemiology plays a crucial role in realizing this goal and deciding which public health programs to develop as well as in evaluating those programs.

In recent decades, it appears that epidemiology has increasingly become a very important approach, not only for public health but also for clinical medicine and other areas of medical research and practice. Advances in computer design and availability and the development of advanced statistical methods and readily accessible powerful software have made it feasible to manage and statistically analyze very large databases. Epidemiological techniques have been applied to many areas of biomedical research and as a result, quite a few branches of epidemiology have emerged. Today, you might find epidemiologists who specialize in chronic disease or infectious disease epidemiology or in genetic epidemiology or in molecular epidemiology or in pharmacoepidemiology or nutritional epidemiology, to name only a few of the specialties.

The aim of this book is to provide an overview of principles of epidemiology for students of clinical medicine. It is also usable for the students of other health professions such as nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, public health service etc. It also can be used as the reference book for other health professionals. For medical students, this book assumes that they have successfully finished a short course of medical statistics.

In this textbook, most of the chapters in Part one are concentrated on the basic principles concepts and methodology of epidemiology (first 10 chapters). The remaining chapters in the second part consist of some applications of epidemiology. These may be selected by instructor for lecture or for used by students as self-readings.

It is important to note that this textbook just serves as an introduction of epidemiology. Because of the obvious constraints of any single textbook, it does not comprise an

exhaustive answer to many questions in epidemiology. I would appreciate any suggestions on what and how the contents of this book can be improved.

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