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To my husband, Bob, and my daughter, Julia, who make every day an invitation to joy.

## **Preface**

## To the Student

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*n Invitation to Health*, Brief Second Edition, is an invitation to you. What you learn in this course will have a direct impact on how you'll

look, feel, and act—now and for decades to come.

Perhaps you are in good health and think that you know all that you need to know about how to take care of yourself. If so, take a minute and ask yourself some questions:

- How well do you understand yourself? Are you able to cope with emotional upsets and crises? Do you often feel stressed out?
- How nutritiously do you eat? Are you always going on—and off—diets? Do you exercise regularly?
- How solid and supportive are your relationships with others? Are you conscientious about birth control and safer-sex practices?
- Do you get drunk or high occasionally? Do you smoke?
- Are you a savvy health-care consumer? Do you know how to evaluate medical products and health professionals?
- How much do you know about complementary and alternative medicine?
- If you needed health care, do you know where you'd turn or how you'd pay? What do you know about your risk for infectious diseases, heart problems, cancer, or other serious illnesses?
- Have you taken steps to ensure your personal safety at home, on campus, on and off the road?
- What are you doing today to prevent physical, psychological, social, and environmental problems in the future?

As you consider these questions, chances are there are some aspects of health you've never considered before—and others you feel you don't have to worry about for years. Yet the choices you make and the actions you take now will have a dramatic impact on your future.

Your health is your personal responsibility. Over time, your priorities and needs will inevitably change,

but the connections between various dimensions of your well-being will remain the same: The state of your mind will affect the state of your body, and vice versa. The values that guide you through today can keep you mentally, physically, and spiritually healthy throughout your lifetime. Your ability to cope with stress will influence your decisions about alcohol and drug use. Your commitment to honest, respectful relationships will affect the nature of your sexual involvements. Your eating and exercise habits will determine whether you develop a host of medical problems.

An Invitation to Health, Brief Second Edition, is packed with information, advice, recommendations, and research, and provides the first step in taking full charge of your own well-being. An important theme of this book is prevention. Ultimately, the power of prevention belongs to you—and it's a lot easier than you might think. You might simply add a walk or workout to your daily routine. You might snack on fruit instead of high-fat foods. You might cut back on alcohol. You might buckle your seatbelt whenever you get in a car. These things may not seem like a big deal now, yet they may well make a crucial difference in determining how active and fulfilling the rest of your life will be.

This textbook is an invitation—an invitation to health in its broadest sense, to personal fulfillment, to life itself. Its pages provide the practical tools you need to work toward achieving your full potential. I hope that you keep this book and use it often as your personal health manual. I also hope that you accept this invitation in another sense—that you live what you learn and make the most of your life—now and through all the years and adventures the future may bring you.

May you live long and well,

Dianne Hales

## To the Instructor

n Invitation to Health, Brief Second Edition, introduces students to a way of thinking about their health and their future that is informed by the most current research available. The text outlines the keys to preventing the major killers of Americans—heart disease, cancer, and accidents—and to preparing for a life of health in the fullest sense of the word. Health is defined in the broadest

possible way—not as an entity in itself, but as a process of discovering, using, and protecting all the resources within the individual, family, community, and environment. It is a subject that encompasses mind, body, and spirit, and the ninth edition brings this vision to life by providing students with the information and inspiration they need to make healthful decisions and changes.

## **Features and Pedagogy**

AQ—Frequently Asked Questions, new to this edition, are found at the beginning of each chapter, immediately engaging students with commonly asked questions such as "Should I take vitamin supplements?" "What can help me relax?" "How can I reduce my cancer risk?" Page references are included after each question, and each corresponding heading is marked with an icon, signaling where the answer can be found.

The X & Y Files, new to this edition, are found throughout the text and present what scientific research has revealed about health-related differences between men and women. Much of this research is truly groundbreaking, since until very recently, most studies—since proven erroneous—were conducted on male subjects only (the assumption being that women were essentially smaller versions of men). Among the topics covered: differences in susceptibility to cancer; differences in stress vulnerabilities; differences in communication styles; differences in vulnerability to alcoholism and drug use; and more.

Campus Focus, one of the text's most popular features, uses pie charts, bar graphs, and tables to present data on college populations that relate to nearly every chapter topic in the text. Topics include student stress levels, mental health, fitness activity, prevalence of eating disorders, sexual activity, drug and alcohol use, and more. Campus data have been completely updated for this edition.

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Strategies for Change appear throughout the text and provide practical, checklist-format behavioral change strategies for achieving better health.

Strategies for Prevention appear throughout the text and provide effective, checklist-format strategies for preventing health problems and reducing health risks.

Consumer Health Watch, new to this edition, focuses on consumer-related health topics and provides guidelines for being a savvy and informed health consumer. Topics include evaluating mind-mood medications like St. John's Wort, selecting a personal trainer, evaluating weight-loss diets, online dating, bogus HIV tests, and more.

Across the Lifespan, new to this edition, appears throughout the text and focuses on health issues as they relate to aging, as well as on how health changes now can result in benefits later in life.

In addition:

- Learning Objectives open each chapter and outline the most essential information on which students should focus while reading.
- *Key Terms* are boldfaced when they first appear in the chapter and are listed at the end of each chapter with page references. They are also defined in the Glossary at the end of the book.
- Critical Thinking Questions are included at the end of each chapter and ask the students to consider some applications of the chapter's coverage or weigh in on a health-related controversy.
- CNN Video Discussion Question, included at the end of each chapter, is designed to work in conjunction with the video of CNN health clips that has been developed with this edition. The CNN health video is complimentary with adoption of this textbook.

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an emergency, a consumer guide to medical tests, tables for counting calories and fat in specific foods and a health directory.

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