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PREFACE

The first edition of *Surgery of the Alimentary Tract* was published in 1955, and this three volume set proved to be invaluable to thousands of practicing general surgeons and residents in training over the following years. Through the stimulus of Robert B. Rowan, who at the time was the Medical Editor of the W. B. Saunders Company, Dr. Richard T. Shackelford agreed to work on a second edition. Because of the rapid growth and development of surgical technic and new approaches to the treatment of disease, it soon became obvious that the second edition would have to be expanded substantially. At that time, Dr. Shackelford agreed to complete the work on the first volume, dealing with surgery of the esophagus, and to participate actively in preparation of the text on surgery of the stomach and duodenum as well. At this point, Dr. George D. Zuidema was invited to join the enterprise, and he enlisted the help of several individuals, most of whom either were or had been members of the faculty at Johns Hopkins Medical School. In a few instances, we had to go farther afield to obtain the services of individuals with special expertise in other areas, particularly those dealing with pediatric surgery.

At the time of this writing, we have completed work on Volume II, which deals with the stomach and duodenum, incisions useful in approaching the alimentary tract, and the choice of suture material as well as the use of stapling devices. Volume III deals with the colon and the anorectal tract, and includes material on inflammatory disease, malignancies, and trauma. Although we have incorporated new authors and new ideas, we have tried to maintain the approach that was so successful in the first edition—namely, dealing with the embryology, physiology, and anatomy, as well as with surgical diseases and technical considerations. We would like to express our appreciation to the many individuals who have contributed chapters or sections of these volumes, for their dedication and commitment to what has truly become a departmental effort. It is difficult to adequately express the gratitude which we feel for them and for the quality of their participation.

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