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Preface

The goal of this second edition of CLINICAL METHODS is provision of the most up-to-date clinical methods to clinicians and students. Readers' suggestions over the past three years have guided us in adding new sections and expanding or deleting others. The content is based upon the sixth revision of the *Defined Data Base* in use on the Medical Service of Emory University School of Medicine at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. This Data Base responds to the needs of our patient population and aids our teaching program and curriculum for house officers and students. We believe it is universal enough to be used generally as the basis for learning and teaching clinical methods.

The contributors to this book are our colleagues at Emory University School of Medicine. The editors take pleasure in making the clinical and teaching skills of their colleagues available to a larger audience.

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