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PREFACE

The purpose of this book is to provide a reasonably concise core of basic information about pediatrics that will allow the reader to rapidly achieve a basic plateau of knowledge about life and its disorders from conception until adulthood. This introduction should assist you in your pediatric clinical experience and allow you to move more rapidly toward higher level discussions with your teachers and in-depth knowledge about your patients and their problems. Thus it is hoped that this book will assist you in becoming more able in the task of improving the health and welfare of infants and children.

This book evolved from a University of Washington, Department of Pediatrics, student teaching synopsis, initially developed purely to assist our own students. Its popularity led to the publication of the first edition of *Introduction to Clinical Pediatrics* in 1972, with the co-editorship of Richard E. Marshall, M.D., who is now Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Though the second edition is still predominantly from the University of Washington Medical School, there are now a number of contributors from other medical schools in the United States, Canada and England as well.

We invite your participation in recommending future changes in this text. A questionnaire for this purpose has been set at the beginning of the text.

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