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Preface

This edition of *Current Therapy* is the thirtieth of an annual series devoted to bringing concise information on current therapeutic methods to

the practicing physician.

The authors have been carefully selected not only for their active interest in the specific diseases discussed but also as recognized authorities in the medical world. They have explained their present methods in brief, to-the-point discussions but in sufficient detail for proper management of the illness. All material has been reviewed before publication to assure the inclusion of the latest therapy.

The term "method of" refers to the regimen in use by the author-clinician; it does not imply that the named author was the originator. Presentday treatment is by and large a summation of the

work of many clinicians over the years.

This is a new edition rather than a revision of the old. Two hundred and sixty-three or 92

per cent of the articles are by authors new to this edition. Certain deletions and additions of topics have been made in keeping with the changes in the importance of certain diseases and the worldwide distribution of the book.

To the readers, who by their enthusiastic acceptance of the past editions of *Current Therapy* have made this one possible, and to the contributors, who were able to find time in their busy schedules to prepare their articles, the Editor expresses his sincere thanks.

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