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# PREFACE

With this 15th edition, Todd and Sanford reaches the mature age of 66 years of service to a third generation of clinical pathologists, medical technologists, medical students, internists and family physicians.

Our objectives or goals in this edition include the following:

1. Identify appropriate measurements and examinations for:
  - a. diagnosis.
  - b. confirmation of a clinical impression.
  - c. screening or detection of disease.
  - d. prognosis.
  - e. therapeutic or management guideline data.
2. Indicate the order in which such measurements and examinations should be requested.
3. Interpret and translate laboratory findings.
4. Recognize pitfalls, problems and limitations of laboratory data, including discussion of quality control and drug interaction as well as relative merits in terms of methodology, patient preparation and communication.
5. Understand pathophysiology or sequence of disease as reflected by laboratory measurements and examinations.

Since it is virtually impossible to compress all of laboratory medicine into a single volume, we have chosen to emphasize certain topics that have compelling practical application with the patient as the central theme. Thus, the fields of chemical pathology, hematology and medical microbiology have been greatly expanded in the form of a series of chapters.

It is significant that this edition begins with a chapter on statistics and quality control and concludes with a chapter on clinical laboratory computerization: the two subjects identify a basic approach to laboratory science and currently have a pre-eminent role throughout the medical laboratory.

In the appendices, tables of normal values incorporate much data from our own laboratories as well as those of other workers. Body surface area and desirable weights are important in terms of blood volume and measurements of selected organ functions.

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