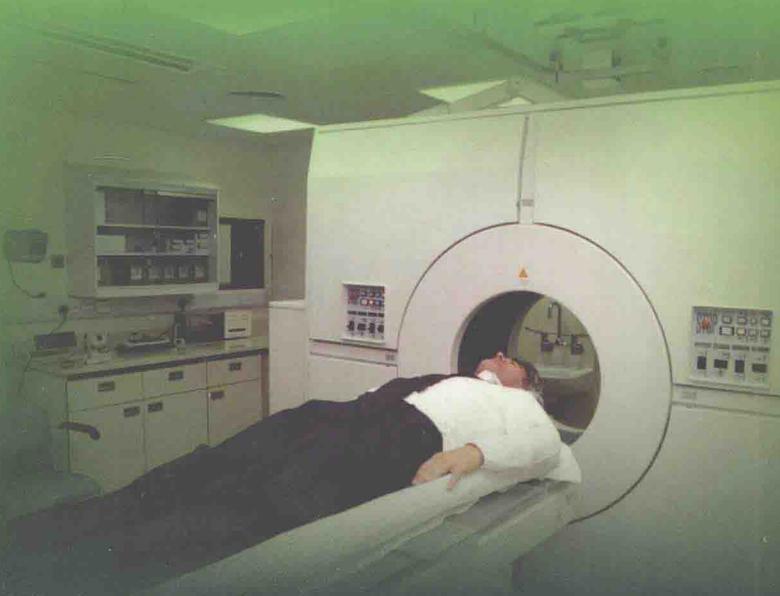




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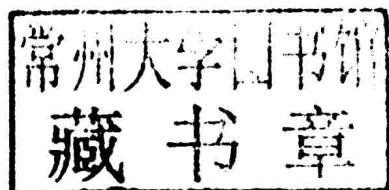
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# Foreword

Global developments in medicine and health shape trends in medical education. And in China education reform has become an important focus as the country strives to meet the basic requirements for developing a medical education system that meets international standards. Significant medical developments abroad are now being incorporated into the education of both domestic and international medical students in China, which includes students from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan that are taught through mandarin Chinese as well as students from a variety of other regions that are taught through the English language. This latter group creates higher demands for both schools and teachers.

Unfortunately there is no consensus as to how to improve the level and quality of education for these students or even as to which English language materials should be used. Some teachers prefer to directly use original English language materials, while others make use of Chinese medical textbooks with the help of English language medical notes. The lack of consensus has emerged from the lack of English language medical textbooks based on the characteristics of modern medical education in China.

In fact, most Chinese teachers involved in medical education have already attained an adequate level of English language usage. However, English language medical textbooks that reflect the culture of the teachers would in fact make it easier for these teachers to complete the task at hand and would improve the level and quality of medical education for international students. In addition, these texts could be used to improve the English language level of the medical students taught in Chinese. This is the purpose behind the compilation and publishing of this set of English language medical education textbooks.

The editors in chief are mainly experts in medicine from Capital Medical University (CCMU). The editorial board members are mainly teachers of a variety of subjects

from CCMU. In addition, teachers with rich teaching experience in other medical schools are also called upon to help create this set of textbooks. And finally some excellent scholars are invited to participate as final arbiters for some of the materials.

The total package of English medical education textbooks includes 63 books. Each textbook conforms to five standards according to their grounding in science; adherence to a system; basic theory, concepts and skills elucidated; simplicity and practicality. This has enabled the creation of a series of English language textbooks that adheres to the characteristics and customs of Chinese medical education. The complete set of textbooks conforms to an overall design and uniform style in regards to covers, colors, and graphics. Each chapter contains learning objectives, core concepts, an introduction, a body, a summary, questions and references that together serve as a scaffold for both teachers and students.

The complete set of English language medical education textbooks is designed for teaching overseas undergraduate clinical medicine students (six years), and can also serve as reference textbooks for bilingual teaching and learning for 5-year, 7-year and 8-year programs in clinical medicine.

We would like to thank the chief arbiters, chief editors and general editors for their arduous labor in the writing of each chapter. We would also like to acknowledge all the contributors. Finally, we would like to acknowledge Higher Education Press. They have all provided valuable support during the many weekends and evening hours of work that were necessary for completing this endeavor.

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# Preface

This book is written primarily for the first year of pre-medical students. There are thirteen chapters which contain mechanics, vibrations, waves, basics of thermodynamics, electromagnetics, current electricity, optics, atomics and nuclear physics.

The drafting of this book obeys the following rules: the knowledge system of basic physics should be introduced entirely and briefly to medical applications. The knowledge should be considered, the derivation of physics rules should be de-emphasized. The understanding of basic concepts, rules and simple application of physics should be stressed; the calculus is avoided so that the students can focus on the knowledge and rules of physics, instead of being distracted by mathematical difficulties.



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