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To medical students and residents,
who through their concern, inquisitiveness, and impressive abilities
continuously stimulate improvements in the diagnosis and management of the sick.

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PREFACE

*It is astonishing with how little reading
a doctor can practice medicine, but it is
not astonishing how badly he may do it.*

—SIR WILLIAM OSLER

In the tenth edition of this text, primary emphasis is placed upon those *biological* principles and derangements which form the basis of disease. This concept is appropriately stressed in the added subtitle, "The Biological Basis of Modern Surgical Practice." The fundamental roles of physiology, biochemistry, immunology, pharmacology, and pathology form the basis for discussions of the pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, and management of each disorder. While this approach has obvious merits, it is perhaps of even more importance that the modern student justifiably insists that these fundamental biological features form the foundation of an acceptable text.

In keeping with the recent and unprecedented strides in surgical science, contributors of recognized authority have been chosen for each section. Thus, the subject and author may be clearly identified, in recognition of the fact that most readers prefer the views of respected authorities.

In this edition an *annotated* bibliography is introduced for each section, with concise descriptions of the most important references in the literature. This is designed to provide the reader with a summary of the references in order to permit more selective reading. Additional references to substantiate the points of view expressed in the body of the text are listed at the end of each chapter.

Particular emphasis is placed upon *illustrations* in this edition, with selection of those which represent the best available in the literature. These are reproduced by permission of the original authors and were selectively chosen because they were the most graphic available. New drawings and photographs were used when suitable illustrations could not be found.

Several entirely new subjects are added, including a chapter on "homeostasis" in which Dr. Francis D. Moore has assembled a remarkable amount of basic physiologic data in a highly relevant and readable manner. A chapter called "Fever: Etiology, Physiologic, and Metabolic Effects, and Management in Surgical Patients" by Drs. John M. Kinney and Fred T. Caldwell, Jr., is also added. The emerging field of computer science is considered in a new chapter by Dr. John H. Siegel entitled "Computers and Mathematical Techniques in Surgery." The increasing application of nuclear medicine to surgical diagnosis is emphasized in Dr. Robert H. Jones' section, "Radioisotope Techniques for Diagnosis of Surgical Disorders." The chapter on transplantation is initiated with a basic section by a distinguished immunologist, Dr. D. Bernard Amos, with specific clinical contributions by Drs. Griepp, Kountz, Najarian, Reemtsma, Seigler, Shumway, Simmons, Starzl, and Stickel, each of whom has been an original contributor in the field. The impressive advances in the field of cancer immunology are presented in a new chapter entitled "Immunobiology of Neoplastic Disease" by Drs. Morton and Wells. "Lung Function" by

Drs. Austen and Laver, "Cardiac Catheterization" by Drs. Robin, Ganguly, and Bing, and "Surgical Pharmacology of the Cardiovascular System" by Drs. Powell and Daggett are all new additions of special significance.

Finally, the objective of this edition has been the creation of a surgical text of sufficient scope to meet the needs of medical students, residents, practicing surgeons, and teachers of surgery.

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