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FOREWORD TO THE FOURTH EDITION

The medical student is frequently left on his own to pursue his studies. In some schools the instructor purposely employs such a procedure to develop initiative and self-reliance in the student. In other schools the marked growth in medical education has produced a shortage of personnel to meet instructional needs in the basic medical sciences. It is with these thoughts in mind that Dr. di Fiore's ATLAS OF HUMAN HISTOLOGY is presented by the publisher as a right hand to the student receiving initial instruction in histology and to the instructor as an aid in conserving his time.

The illustrations are designed as composite drawings of what may be seen by the student only after a study of several slides. This is done for the pure didactic purpose of reducing the number of illustrations necessary for study, and to curtail the cost of publication. The illustrations are designed to cover the *principles of histology* clearly and concisely. They are not intended to present the student with a bewildering array of every last item known to the professional histologist.

It is felt that Dr. di Fiore's ATLAS offers an admirable reference work for the student. It is not intended to supplant a textbook of histology but rather to stand as a supplementary book.

The earlier editions of Dr. di Fiore's ATLAS met with unusual success. From the many students and faculty members who use the book have come excellent suggestions. This fourth edition has been revised by Dr. Ida G. Schmidt of the Department of Anatomy, University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham. She has utilized many of the suggestions in rewriting much of the text and in improving the illustrations. Under her direction the ATLAS has been enhanced by 27 new plates and numerous changes and additions to many of the plates previously used. This fourth edition, therefore, should be even more useful to its audience than heretofore.

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