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PREFACE

This book includes the proceedings of the 2nd International Meeting on Current Therapy in Nephrology held in Sorrento, Italy, May 22-25, 1988.

The book provides a comprehensive update on new therapeutic strategies in the broad field of Nephrology. The reader will receive information on advances in treatment of glomerulonephritis, new dialysis techniques and progress in renal transplantation. In addition, sections deal with provocative experimental approaches to treating renal disease.

Topics include: cyclosporine in treatment of nephrotic syndrome, plasma exchange in ARF, treatment of beta-2 microglobulin amyloidosis, nutritional assessment in patients on RDT, standards of dialytic adequacy revisited after development of biocompatible membranes, drug interaction with cyclosporine, renal transplantation in elderly recipients, and renal transplantation with elderly donors.

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