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Preface

With this book we have asked an international team of editors and authors from all continents who have worldwide reputations and are at the height of their career to produce something that is both informative about gastrointestinal and liver disease and extremely practical for patient management. On the practical side, each chapter starts with text boxes summarizing essential features in a short, pithy, and easy to find way. In the Disease sections there are three boxes for each chapter, “Essential facts about Causation,” “Essentials of Diagnosis,” and “Essentials of Treatment.” The idea is that at a glance you can be on top of a subject that you know little about.

Another practical feature is the inclusion of downloadable didactic management protocols, accessed via the book’s companion website. These are not guidelines that state broad generalities, but highly didactic instruction sheets that can be put in the notes of each patient for which they are appropriate to ensure timely, focused, and comprehensive management by juniors and staff unfamiliar with the patient. Everyone has their own individual variation on how to deliver the essentials of care so these protocols are adaptable to your own unit and situation.

Other online features include over 85 high-quality videos showing how to do it for many procedures, all 850 figures in a downloadable digital format and, finally, specimen multiple-choice questions to help you prepare for professional exams.

However, the modern medical world in which management is distilled into cookery book instructions tends to be drab and unrewarding. Our book, therefore, contains up to date and relevant background information about pathogenesis, epidemiology, and prognosis as well as descriptive text about patient investigation and management. We have asked authors to avoid text and concepts that are no longer relevant, which often persist in other textbooks only to confuse, and specifically to include up to date information that may be starting to impinge on management with, for example, a specific request to cover information about genetic susceptibility.

In short, some textbooks are practical but with little explanation, while others are detailed but not easily translatable into real patient management. We believe that we have produced a book that achieves both.

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PART 1

Symptoms, Syndromes, and Scenarios

