

Preface

Over the past 30 years, Dr Woo has been teaching Renal Medicine to medical students and doctors. This book is written in response to their request to put together a series of tutorials and lectures in Renal Medicine to serve their needs for a textbook of Clinical Nephrology.

He has given a comprehensive review of Renal Medicine pertaining to *Clinical Nephrology*. The topics range from glomerulonephritis, urinary tract infection, hypertension and renal stones to renal failure, dialysis and transplantation, thus providing the student with a broad perspective of Renal Medicine. In addition, tables on local incidence and statistics are provided. This is important as all the available books on Renal Diseases have been written by overseas authors in the West, quoting data and statistics which are quite different from our local scene. Local data on disease incidence and patterns are important as there exist widely differing patterns of geographical distribution among various types of renal diseases in different parts of the world.

This book is also written for the practising doctor or clinician who is looking for a basic handbook to serve as a reference for current concepts and practice in clinical nephrology. It is written in simple language with discussions on clinical problems occurring in daily practice.

The knowledge in this book is graded. Many chapters will be relevant to medical students. However, depending on the requirements of the reader, whether he is a medical student

or postgraduate doctor preparing for his M Med (Internal Medicine) Examination, he will be able to find within this book chapters relevant to his needs.

1st April 2002