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# Preface

This 2nd edition follows a successful publication of our first, which was well received.

As was previously the case with the previous edition, this book was written with the purpose of providing a basic text for practising clinicians, general practitioners, physicians in training and medical students in the Asia Pacific region. We have added new chapters and recent information to the book and have welcomed new contributors.

This edition has been extensively revised and has grown in size. For example, it now contains a new chapter on S.A.R.S.

We have tried to provide more local information. The publication is not exhaustive, however, and for a more comprehensive review, the reader is referred to other larger standard texts available.

We wish to express our thanks to the many individuals, authors, editors, publishers and the administrative staff of Division of Medicine, Singapore General Hospital who have made it possible to complete this 2nd edition.

We acknowledge the late Professor Seah Cheng Siang a brilliant physician and a man of vision who taught many generations of doctors, including the many who had contributed to this present edition.

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