The speciality of gastroenterology continues to evolve. New imaging technology, refinements in endoscopy, development of new therapy, and the onward creep of scientific knowledge all contribute to this. To continue dealing with the range of diseases encompassed by gastroenterology, practicing clinicians must assimilate these changes into their day-to-day work. Nevertheless, gastroenterology remains a very attractive and practical speciality. The aim of this book is to convey the continued excitement of practising this area of medicine.

This second edition is still aimed at trainees. In an era when junior doctors need to make career choices at an early stage of postgraduate training, the book aims to serve as a solid introduction to the field of gastroenterology.

The second edition retains the familiar format of a concise overview of the major pathologies, each linked with key images. In the age of the internet, with such ready access to information, this organization of the material should continue to assist in the learning of gastroenterology, and to help in the evaluation of information from these other sources.

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