



# Preface

The multidisciplinary nature of pediatric critical care medicine creates a considerable challenge to those who seek to master the discipline. The knowledge that the critical care pediatrician must possess encompasses aspects of many different organ based specialties. Our goal for this text is to help young critical care physicians to review and master fundamental principles of our specialty for the purpose of achieving certification. In addition, we hope that the text will be a practical resource for the practice of pediatric critical care incorporating concepts of pathophysiology, therapeutic theory and management principals.

We are indebted to our authors for their willingness to share their considerable expertise and contribute to this labor. We are grateful for their efforts and their patience as we navigated the pitfalls in getting the work completed.

We hope that the text will help the practitioner achieve success in the practice of pediatric critical care medicine. The care of children is both a privilege and a blessing. To care for children at their most vulnerable time cannot help but provide the practitioner with awe for the beauty of life and the resilience of the child's spirit, a respect for the power of a parent's love and the appreciation of the blessing of our own children's health.

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