Preface

Primary care physicians (general practitioners or family physicians & in North America pediatricians and emergentologists) are often the first port of call for children with non-emergency, but potentially serious surgical or urological problems. During the training period as primary care physicians, while most clinicians will gain adequate exposure to general pediatric medicine, very few will obtain a sound knowledge or clinical experience of general pediatric surgical or urological problems that they may commonly encounter in their primary care environment. This ready reference book addresses these issues.

All chapters in this book give a synopsis of a particular condition, its management in primary care, indications for referral and timing of referral. Complications of a particular procedure and its management if presenting to primary care is also discussed. The format is standardized throughout the book with illustrations wherever appropriate. This will enable primary care physicians in providing a continued high quality of service to children with surgical problems.

The contents include all those pediatric and urological conditions that are commonly encountered in primary care and are divided region wise. The list of conditions included is based on referral letters received in a tertiary care setting over many years.

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