Preface

The purpose of writing this book is to allow the nephrology fellow and the practicing nephrologist to learn nephrology as a whole, in the form of questions and answers. This avoids having these clinicians read a lengthy nephrology textbook. The questions are based on a review of recent information obtained from several journals and standard textbooks and also from the author’s clinical experience. The questions in each chapter are geared to cover the basics of physiology, pathogenesis, and treatment strategies of a clinical problem.

Writing a pertinent question is more difficult than writing a book chapter. Each question took a lengthy time to write and even more time to provide a satisfactory answer. I strongly believe that this review book would help each graduating nephrology fellow and practicing nephrologist to pass their board examination.

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