

Preface

Sepsis is a disease syndrome that is difficult to understand as well as to treat and has plagued mankind for thousands of years. In this textbook, the editors and authors sought to assemble relatively brief but detailed compilations of what is the state of the science on a variety of key topics. We have chosen topics that range from molecular biology to clinical practice. It is our hope that this text can be used by bench scientists and clinicians alike as a reference to aid in their work. Clinicians can learn more about the biology behind the disease they treat and scientists can gain deeper understanding into how the disease they study plays out in intensive care unit. Together the clinical and scientific elements of this text will hopefully make a reference that is of great value. We have picked as authors those who we feel are leaders in the field they have written about and thus can provide vast experience as well as data from years of study and practice.

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