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To
my ever loving parents
Shri Thukkappa & Smt. Hanumanthamma
and
my dear students of
Noble Nursing Profession

FOREWORD

There has been an urgent need for a standard book on Community Health Nursing. I congratulate Dr BT Basavanthappa, for his exhaustive effort to meet this demand by writing *Community Health Nursing*. I am sure the book which is comprehensive in its approach shall be well-received by the nursing students and faculty of this country as well as those of other developing countries which face identical health problems. The chapters on "Primary Health Care," and "Health Administration in India" shall attempt to draw the attention of health professionals from the ivory towers of health institutions to the community.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

It gives me immense pleasure and satisfaction to introduce the second edition of my book *Community Health Nursing*. In addition, I have been pleased with utilization of my other books related to nursing which includes — *Fundamentals of Nursing*, *Medical-Surgical Nursing*, *Midwifery/Reproductive Health Nursing*, *Paediatric/Child Health Nursing*, *Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing*, *Nursing Education*, *Nursing Administration*, *Nursing Research*, *Nursing Theories* and the first edition of *Community Health Nursing*.

The role of nursing is increasingly becoming complex and nurses need more knowledge and skills. Today, they must be able to grow and evolve in order to meet the demands of a dramatically changing health care system. Health care has moved increasingly from hospital to the home and community health nurses need skill in technology, communication and interpersonal relations to be effective members of the collaborative health care team. Also they need to think critically and be creative in implementing nursing strategies with clients in the varieties of community settings.

The goal of nursing education is to prepare today's student to meet the challenges of tomorrow. This preparation must extend beyond mastery of facts and skills. We believe that nursing knowledge is a fusion of theoretical knowledge, practical knowledge, self-knowledge and ethical knowledge. To function effectively at highest level, nurses use critical thinking and nursing process to blend thoughts and actions to put caring into action. To meet this challenge, I have decided to update the text of *Community Health Nursing*.

The book has been developed to provide students with the knowledge and skills in the area of community health nursing. Care has been taken at my best knowledge to cover all the contents in this revised edition of *Community Health Nursing* as required by the respective Councils and Boards of Nursing and Universities. The text also presents the contents that represent the most accurate, current and clinically relevant information that are written in clearly and easily read manner.

I hope this book will continue to add nursing students of all levels and nurses for their growing understanding of Community Health Nursing.

I am aware of manifold reason, errors might be crept in and shall feel oblige, if such errors are brought to my notice. I sincerely welcome constructive criticism from readers, that would help me enrich myself and good suggestions will be incorporated in the next edition.

Also I invite you, now open the pages beneath your finger and join me in a world of new ideas, challenging beliefs and expanding competencies for improving standards in community health nursing.

BT Basavanthappa

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

I have a great pleasure in presenting the book *Community Health Nursing* to nursing community. I conceived the idea of writing this book due to lack of nursing books, written by Indian authors in the context of Indian situation.

Now we are witnessing so much changes taking place in health care system. To meet the demands of a constantly changing system, nurses must become increasingly futuristic in developing roles and responsibilities. For this nursing personnel must know the importance of the many factors associated with community health nursing, which includes principles of community health and nursing, the current and evolving characteristics of the health care system, a heightened awareness of the roles and responsibilities of the nurses, for placing health on the hands of the people.

The text has been written in simple language and style in well-organized and systematized way, and utmost care has been taken to cover the entire prescribed course material for nursing students. It may be a comprehensive source book that offers valuable base for designing community health nursing strategies for the individuals, families, groups and communities.

It is hoped that this book will offer the nursing students and enough exposure to the subject matter and enable to equip them in their success. I am sure that students would come out with flying colours if they strictly and sincerely make use of this book.

It is a sense of honour and pride for to place on record my sincere thanks and deep sense of gratitude to my well-wisher and guide Dr (Mrs) Manjula K Vasundhra, former Professor and Head of the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Bangalore Medical College, Bengaluru, who has been kind enough in going thoroughly through the manuscript of this book and accepted to write a Foreword of this book.

I wish to express sincere appreciation to my wife Smt. Lalitha and lovely children BB Mahesh and BB Ganashree who bore with patience throughout my work of this text.

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