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*To
My parents
My nursing profession
and
My dear students*

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

It gives me immense pleasure and satisfaction to introduce the second edition of *Medical Surgical Nursing* to nursing community. In offering this title, I remain grateful to readers who supported my all titles on nursing, i.e. *Fundamentals of Nursing, Community Health Nursing, Midwifery and Reproductive Health Nursing, Pediatric Child Health Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Nursing Education, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Nursing Theories*.

Today nurses are faced with many challenges that result from acute shortage of nurses throughout health care institutions and health care settings. This has resulted in the needs for nurses to have increasingly high levels of nursing knowledge and skills in meeting health needs of the individuals and groups. Now nursing continues to be influenced by the expansion of science and technology and by a myriad of socio-economic, cultural and environmental changes throughout the universe. And now nurses are confrontal with many opportunities for them to provide skilled and compassionate nursing care in a variety of health care settings to the patients in various types of illnesses as well as across the age continuum.

One of the primary goals of this edition is to help prepare nursing students to provide quality care to patients and families across the health care settings and in the homes as well. The text of *Medical Surgical Nursing* is designed to assist nurses in preparing them for their roles and responsibilities within the complexity of health care system. A care has been taken to provide balanced attention to the art and science of medical surgical nursing. It maintains the quality of its content while making it relevant to the needs and abilities of present nursing students. This title has been revised thoroughly to incorporate the most current medical-surgical information in an easy-to-use format for the nursing students of all levels. Besides, in this book the strength of the first edition have been retained.

I hope all the readers are free to continue any dialogue in relation to nursing or comment on any aspect of this title and how it can be improved. I am aware of manifold reasons, errors might have crept in and shall feel obliged, if such errors are brought to my notice for taking proper action. I sincerely welcome constructive criticism from readers that would help me to enrich my knowledge. I greatly appreciate your willingness to share your thoughts and suggestions with me to incorporate in the next edition. Once again, I welcome feedback from the readers.

BT Basavanhappa

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

It gives me immense pleasure and satisfaction to introduce *Medical Surgical Nursing* to nursing community. In offering this text, I remain grateful for the support given to my earlier titles, i.e. *Community Health Nursing*, *Nursing Research*, *Nursing Administration* and *Fundamentals of Nursing*.

I have carefully preserved the aspects of the book that have met with such universal acceptance—its state-of-the-art, scientific based information, its string, logical and user-friendly organization and easy to read style.

Medical Surgical Nursing was developed to provide nursing students with the knowledge and skill they need to become competent, think critically and possess the sensitivity to become caring nurses. Professional nursing practice continues to evolve and adapt to society's changing health priorities. The rapidly changing health care delivery system offers new opportunities for nurses to alter the practice of Medical Surgical Nursing and to improve the way nursing care is given.

In this changing world on health care delivery system, nurses will need a broad knowledge to provide the expert care needed in nursing profession. New efforts to reform health care and guarantee with high quality and cost-effective care are radically transforming the culture of care-giving. I believe that the changes in health care present exciting challenges to nurses and it is felt that there is a need for good nursing texts to assist nurses to meet these challenges globally.

In view of the above changes, the text of *Medical Surgical Nursing* is organized into 19 chapters. Ideally the text is flowed sequentially, but every effort has been made to respect the differing needs of diverse curricula and students. Thus, each chapter stands on its own merit and may be read independently of others. This work is designed to meet the nursing students' requirement as per their respective universities, boards and Nursing Councils.

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

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