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# *Preface to the Second Edition*

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The author is pleased to present the second edition of the title *Pediatric Nursing*. This book was first published in 2007 and had a reprint in 2008. I am thankful to all the readers for overwhelming acceptance.

My objective for the second edition of this book is to enrich the text with latest statistical data and to add some more topics including IMNCI Protocols for supporting all nursing students and trained nurses working for the children in the health facilities and community.

The author had received recommendations from some readers and reviewers. A few of them encouraged to enrich the text with more details in some aspects to make the book more useful for all groups of nursing students.

According to my opinion and recommendations of some reviewers, this textbook is helpful for all basic nursing courses. Though this textbook is written based on GNM syllabus, it can also be used for the undergraduate BSc Nursing students, as the content includes problem oriented nursing management of common childhood conditions, which are usually found in the clinical and community situations. It is hoped that the textbook will provide a more useful guideline in basic concepts of child health care. Furthermore, students can consult reference books, journals and different websites along with clinical case discussion for the in-depth study.

However, I would once again welcome comments and suggestions for improvement of the book in subsequent editions.

**Parul Datta**

# *Preface to the First Edition*

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“With the birth of every child, man may calculate that God is still hopeful about the World He created” (Wordsworth). But healthy survival of the children is threatened in every moment. Child health problems are shocking and alarming throughout the world, especially in the developing countries. Expert and empathetic approach is essential to minimise these problems and to reduce the inexcusable causes of childhood morbidity, mortality and disability.

A pediatric nurse is the key person in child care team. It is expected that a pediatric nurse should have competence and good judgement based on specialized up-to-date knowledge, skill and positive attitude. A clinical nurse should be enriched to understand the problems of the children and to help them whenever needed. So the pediatric nurse needs special preparation in child health to contribute towards healthy child, the future productive and creative individual.

Being a teacher of GNM Curriculum for 15 years, I felt the need for a textbook on Pediatric Nursing for GNM students. When I received the proposal, I had decided to accept this work in spite of my hard-work schedule.

This book is fully in accordance with the new GNM syllabus as recommended by the Indian Nursing Council (INC). Keeping in mind the level of the students, I have tried to use simple language and clarify the complicated aspects concisely with rational, as relevant for the need of the students.

It seems that this book will be helpful to the nurses working in the clinical areas and community to review their knowledge and practice in different aspects of child care. I think interest and practice with up-to-date knowledge will contribute to develop confidence in them.

Most references used in the preparation of this title are from the books and journals, written by the eminent Indian authors. Foreign books, WHO newsletters, journals and periodicals are also reviewed for preparation of the contents. I have tried with best effort to prepare and enrich the book considering the level of the students and placement of the course according to the INC Syllabus. Unintentional mistakes are regretted and will be rectified.

Suggestions for further enrichment of this book will be gladly accepted. Constructive criticism and comments are always welcomed. I hope my efforts will be useful to the nursing students and nursing personnel working for the children.

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