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Preface

The purpose of this handbook is to provide the clinician with a quick reference to the differential diagnosis, etiology, and classification of clinical disorders, signs, and symptoms. These various differential diagnoses are readily available in general medical texts, but the information is often scattered and difficult to find. This manual contains the differential diagnosis of over 900 signs, symptoms, and clinical disorders yet is small enough to easily fit in a pocket. To facilitate its use, each condition is listed alphabetically. Differential diagnoses are listed in order of decreasing frequency.

This book differs from other differential diagnosis books because it lists not only the differential diagnosis of signs, symptoms, and laboratory abnormalities but also the differential diagnosis of more than 500 clinical disorders. For example, its user can rapidly locate the differential diagnosis of "Calcifications on Chest X-ray" and further identify the differential diagnosis of "Silicosis," "Tuberculosis," and other diseases that can cause calcifications on chest x-ray, thus narrowing down the correct diagnosis.

This book is intended for use by medical students, physicians, and allied health professionals in need of a practical rapid reference covering nearly every possible sign, symptom, and clinical disorder that will be encountered in the daily practice of both in-patient and out-patient medicine.

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