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FOREWORD

Nursing itself is a combination of science and craftsmanship but it is also a very special art which requires lifelong dedication, sacrifice and personal fortune. General practice physicians are the frontline 'outpost guards' who in most cases are the first to meet surgical patients and responsibly provide them with adequate primary assistance and guidance through the medical system.

Such situation applies different demands towards general practitioners if compared with surgeons, as well as educational approach must be different. However, as Bill Walton said: "I learned a long time ago that minor surgery is when they do the operation on someone else, not you!" GP's have additional tasks of preparing patients for future surgery in terms of both physical and psychological means. These peculiarities require different from traditional educational approach, starting from the time of the first clinical steps or even pre-graduate studentship. Authors decided to contribute their efforts in decreasing the workload of contemporary medical students by producing this book.

Therefore, the tenor of the book has been developed to co-exist with other major surgical and nursing books. Our book is much more a 'working' book for the future physicians which complement principal aspects of nursing in General Surgery.

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AFTERWORD

*'To me the ideal doctor would be a man endowed
with profound knowledge of life and of the soul,
intuitively divining any suffering or disorder
of whatever kind, and restoring peace by his mere presence'*

Henri Amiel

We believe that life, humor, philosophy and communication play same significant role in development of future physician comparable to proficiency in medical knowledge, thus forming "competence".

Never quit self-improvement and self-development.

This book was prepared with best intentions. However, if you find mistakes or have any suggestions of how to improve the publication, do not hesitate to express this to authors.

With Best Wishes!

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