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Preface to the Fourth Edition

As we move forward into the advancing fields of medicine and health practices we find an ever increasing need to make changes and add new material. We asked our students for feedback, their instructors for suggestions, and our reviewers for contributions in expertise and experience. We received many valuable suggestions and comments and have included much constructive input wherever space permits. We hope that the resulting changes from us and from them will continue to improve the contents of *Essential Medical Terminology, Fourth Edition* and facilitate your effort in learning medical terminology. This revision is divided into two categories: changes in the contents of the *Third Edition* and the addition of new didactic tools, as explained here.

The original contents of the third edition have been revised extensively as follows:

- Objectives are added to the chapters.
- New terms are added throughout the text.
- Selected old terms in text are replaced with new ones.
- New test questions are added throughout text.
- The bibliography in Appendix B is replaced with a new one.
- Special corrections or replacements are made for Chapters 15, 16, and 20.
- Standard minor changes are made throughout the whole text whenever the need arises.

We have added new didactic materials in specially designed enclosures to catch the attention of the students and satisfy their curiosity. Your responsibility to learn such materials is at the discretion of your instructor and your own personal interest. They include the following:

- Alerts to commonly confusing medical terms
- The connection between drugs and medical terms
- Types of professions available in the allied health field
- New full-color photographs and illustrations showing common clinical disorders and associated medical terms appearing in the text

Several electronic aids also are included.

We hope you will notice that this is a full-color book to brighten your learning spirit

and increase your attention.

Thank you so much for your continued support and use of the book. Please keep sending us your suggestions for improvement. We will strive to accommodate your wishes.

Preface to the First Edition

Essential Medical Terminology is a brief, user-friendly text designed to aid students in mastering the medical vocabulary and terms they will encounter in allied health, nursing, and medical careers. The terms have been selected on the basis of their utility, practical value, and application to the real world of the healthcare work environment.

The intended audience includes students in nursing, nursing assistants/aides, vocational/practical nurses, medical secretaries, medical technologists, medical librarians, medical assistants, physician's assistants, and other persons in the allied health and paramedical fields. This text is designed for use in one-semester or two-semester course, as it provides students with the basic principles of medical terminology and teaches vocabulary by applying terms in practice examples.

Although many instructors have expressed satisfaction with our 1989 text, *Medical Terminology: Principles and Practices*, others prefer a smaller text because their students need only a general knowledge of medical terminology. Therefore, we were ready when the publishers expressed an interest in a more compact text. To accomplish this goal, we made a careful selection of the most essential terms, exercises, illustrations, and other instructional materials that are of maximum benefit to those students required to take a general survey course of medical terminology.

After much hard work, we have succeeded in producing a text that has fewer than 400 pages. This condensed edition has many unique features that distinguish it from other medical terminology texts:

- 1. The selection of medical terms is unique, and, although some terms are found in other texts, many are not.
- 2. Half of the text is devoted to practice exercises or self-instructional modules.
- **3.** The amount of descriptive text is minimal, allowing students to concentrate on learning the key terms.
- **4.** Although the frame format is common in some texts, we have not adopted that didactic mode. Rather, we present medical terminology as it applies to the major body systems.
- Students will find that learning by way of the major body systems is a meaningful and unifying method of mastering medical terminology and solidifying previously learned concepts of anatomy and physiology.

The text is organized into five units:

- Unit I Word Parts and Medical Terminology (Chapters 1–2)
- Unit II Root Words, Medical Terminology, and Patient Care (Chapters 3–6)
- Unit III Abbreviations (Chapters 7–8)
- Unit IV Review (Chapter 9)
- Unit V Medical Terminology and Body Systems (Chapters 10-20)

With the exception of Chapter 1, all chapters contain two components: Lesson One: Materials to Be Learned and Lesson Two: Progress Check.

This unique text is accompanied by both traditional and modern supplementary teaching materials. The instructor's manual provides a spectrum of information: clinical case histories, practice tests, and student activities. It serves two important objectives: a wide selection of teaching materials and a reduction in class preparation time. For example, by using clinical case histories to supplement a complex topic in the classroom, the instructor can usually elicit enthusiastic participation and enliven classroom presentations. We also include full-color illustrations of human anatomy in this text, which detail the major body systems, special senses, and skin. These figures provide an anatomic reference for all of the medical terms in the text.

Our intention was to create a text that would serve the needs of both instructor and student. We strove to create a text that is both concise and thorough, thematically unified, easy to read, beautifully illustrated, and fully supplemented with supporting material to assure mastery of the material. We hope that both instructor and student will find *Essential Medical Terminology* a satisfactory and rewarding experience in teaching and learning medical terminology.

Acknowledgments

We acknowledge the invaluable assistance and advice provided by the editorial team at Jones & Bartlett Learning, who have helped move this edition from manuscript to publication. Thanks also to the production staff whose dedicated work and professionalism are evident in the quality of their work. You are the best judge.

We sincerely thank our reviewers who offered many valuable suggestions. Your comments were very helpful, and we incorporated as many of them into this edition as allocated page space would permit.

We do want to extend our appreciation to many students and their instructors for continued use of *Essential Medical Terminology* through the first three editions. We have tried to provide you with the updates and new information that you have asked for. We hope our mutual relationships continue with this *Fourth Edition* and beyond.

We also thank Mr. James Keating of Watsonville, Oregon. As the original acquisition editor of the *First Edition*, he gave us an unusual opportunity to educate many students for more than 25 years. We are indebted to him and his vision.

How to Use This Book

Essential Medical Terminology, Fourth Edition fits all types of medical terminology courses. It can be the primary text in either a one- or two-semester course.

One instructional mode other than formal classroom lecturing is as follows. The instructor serves as a supervisor and assigns materials in the text for self-study. The instructor may or may not enforce the following: class meetings between instructor and students, supervised or unsupervised tests, and preparation of tests with questions similar to those in this text.

Essential Medical Terminology offers a great deal of flexibility to instructors. Our recommendation is to progress through the table of contents as written. In any learning process, studying the information progressively provides sequence of thought and ensures that one does not overlook critical information.

The student, especially one studying independently of a formal class lecture, should read each chapter thoroughly and complete all exercises.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

We also offer the following guidelines to both instructors and students:

- **1.** Read the table of contents to determine the syllabus or match up the contents to a prepared syllabus.
- **2.** After studying the basis of pronunciation, students may start with any of the remaining chapters in Units I to IV. The chapters on body systems (10–19) can be taught in any order.
- **3.** For each chapter after Chapter 1, the study procedure is simple. Read the materials to be learned a few times and proceed with the progress check. Students may want to repeat or review chapter materials before taking a test.
- **4.** Once a chapter is started, finish it before proceeding to the next one.
- **5.** Complete each chapter from beginning to end. Do not begin randomly within a chapter.
- **6.** When students begin Unit V, they will find that each chapter contains an overview of a body system. Each body system can be studied in more depth with an anatomy and physiology text.

- 7. We encourage students to develop their own methods of memorizing unfamiliar words. Word associations are useful. Flashcards are a useful adjunct to study. Studying in pairs also is helpful for most students.
- **8.** Students should review completed materials as often as possible to refresh their memories.
- **9.** All of the answers to the Progress Checks are provided in Appendix A. Most instructors prefer that students do not look at the answers until they have completed the assigned exercise.

NEW DIDACTIC TOOLS

We have added a new category of didactic tools. These tools contain information related to but not included in this text. Each tool or tidbit of information is enclosed in a specially designed box within the outer margin. You may have to study them if they are included in class assignments by the teachers, or you may peruse them because they are of personal or general interest to you. No matter how these tools are used by you, they are supplementary to your text both in terms of unique information or a moment of escape from the more structured medical terms in the text. Each tool is explored in the following subsections.

Allied Health Professions

There was a time when the doctor, nurse, and an aide or two took care of a patient. Not very much interaction occurred unless the physician called for a conference with selected individuals. Today's medical facilities are run by teams of medical personnel, for instance, doctor, nurse, aide, pharmacist, laboratory personnel, technicians, dietary personnel, and social service workers. All have important roles in patient recovery. Are you interested in pursuing a career in this field? Chapter 1 shows a list of such professions in a special box. The boxes in Chapters 10–20 gives a summary of each profession. You can contribute to patient care in each field if you select a career in the health professions.

Confusing Medical Terms

Many medical terms have derived from Latin and Greek, among other European languages. Sometimes, two terms with different medical meaning may differ only in one letter in their spellings. Sometimes, two terms with different medical meanings may sound alike though their spellings are completely different. Sometimes, two terms with the same medical meanings may be spelled entirely differently. Obviously, it is not possible to explain or list all such variations in a book of this size. Samples are provided in a special box, starting in Chapter 2.

Pharmacology and Medical Terminology

Most of us are familiar with such terms as *ulcer*, *chemotherapy*, and *antibiotic treatments*. This text does not have a chapter on pharmacology and medical terms. Instead, we have provided boxes in Chapters 11–20 relating medical terminology to drugs and their targeted medical treatments. Although they are examples only, they provide you with some perspectives about prescription and over-the-counter drugs. The ultimate objective is for you to learn some medical terms in pharmacology.

FULL-COLOR ILLUSTRATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOR CLINICAL DISORDERS

There is an old adage: A picture is worth a thousand words. We believe it is true, so we have included in this edition new full-color illustrations and photographs showing common clinical disorders and their assorted medical terms to enhance your understanding and identification of diseases and how they may be treated.