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This book is dedicated to my granddaughter, Laila Jade Mabry.

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### Preface

After 22 years of teaching pathology for allied health, I realized each allied health profession needs its own specialized pathology textbook. Therefore, I have attempted to write this book to specifically target physical therapist assistants as an introduction to pathology.

Pathology is a core area of knowledge for allied health students. For physical therapist assistants, the material must be easy to understand while focusing on the day-to-day requirements of their jobs. This textbook contains 29 chapters organized into five units. It also features three appendices, a glossary, and an index. Each chapter contains an overview, learning objectives, bolded medical terms, "Red Flag" boxes that alert students to critical material, many tables and figures, a summary, multiple choice review questions, practical scenarios based on actual cases with critical thinking questions, and relevant website addresses. The book is printed in full color.

This book is also accompanied by a student companion website that contains an interactive glossary, chapter quizzes, and other activities to help students understand and reinforce key concepts. An Instructor's Manual, PowerPoints, and test bank are available for instructors.

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