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Preface

This small book is designed to provide junior medical staff with a convenient reference for blood transfusion therapy. The emphasis is on the management of patients and the rational use of blood and blood components, but it does not provide details of technical or theoretical aspects. However, I hope that anyone who is involved in the use of blood or blood products, but not directly involved in the subject, will find it extremely useful.

In the preparation of this book I have consulted and included factual material that is readily available in most of the standard textbooks. Some of these are listed as further reading, and should be referred to as necessary for further information on particular topics.

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