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Preface

This monograph is written for healthcare workers in any setting who are faced with the complex care for patients with tuberculosis. Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis are fraught with challenges that are often reflective of problems in society as a whole. Significant progress has been made since the millennium; Global TB incidence has been reduced, access to rapid molecular diagnosis for both TB and drug resistance has been scaled up, and two new TB drugs have been approved in Europe and the USA. However, major political and socio-economic obstacles remain in the translation of these and other advances into equitable TB healthcare access for all. Access to information on developments in TB care is one such barrier, and by summarizing the most recent advances in disease epidemiology, scientific achievements in treatment and diagnosis and current recommendations for all forms of tuberculosis, we hope to improve the dissemination of access to the latest evidence base for the care of individuals with tuberculosis.

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