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Foreword

This book is a joint work by three authors. It seemed appropriate to divide the work, in view of the rapid development of clinical chemistry, together with the knowledge that medicine as a science is constantly in a state of flux and that it influences clinical practice.

We have endeavored to describe clearly the relevance of the principal analytes of iron metabolism to early recognition, diagnosis, and the monitoring of therapy, as well as to provide useful bedside support for the doctor.

Diagnostics, and in particular the methods of clinical chemistry, have advanced so much in recent years that it seems worthwhile also extending the range of routine diagnostics. The authors have decided to update the book.

Based on papers for the "Consensus Conferences Frankfurt in January 1996 [171] and Oxford in March 1996" [188] a new chapter "therapeutic approaches in anemias" was established.

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