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Preface

The present volume entitled *Critical Care Defined Dictionary* is a small, condensed and compact form of the vast subject. Its manual and dictionary-pattern of format is intended for easy and quick reference. It includes the most essential information relevant to the subject and covers entirely as far as practicable. It is presented in a readable manner for easy access to the basic principles and fundamentals of critical and intensive care. The approach is current, incisive, definitive and mostly practical.

It is expected that the book will appeal to all medical students and medical practitioners, particularly those who are interested in critical and intensive care. The book should also serve as a companion to advanced modern clinical references relevant to the impact of safe patient care.

However, the readers are advised to consult the current product manual or drug information provided by the manufactures to verify the recommended dose, method of administration and contraindications. These standard safety precautions must be followed before commencing drug therapy.

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