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# PREFACE

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The diagnosis and management of patients with infectious diseases are based in large part on visual clues. Skin and mucous membrane lesions, eye findings, imaging studies, Gram stains, culture plates, insect vectors, preparations of blood, urine, pus, cerebrospinal fluid, and biopsy specimens are studied to establish the proper diagnosis and to choose the most effective therapy. *The Atlas of Upper Respiratory and Head and Neck Infections* will be a modern, complete collection of these images. Current Medicine, with its capability of superb color reproduction and its state-of-the-art computer imaging facilities, is the ideal publisher for the *Atlas*. Infectious diseases physicians, scientists, microbiologists, and pathologists frequently teach other

healthcare professionals, and this comprehensive atlas with available slides is an effective teaching tool.

Dr. Itzhak Brook has extensive experience and expertise in all aspects of upper respiratory and head and neck infections. He has focused a group of expert clinicians and scientists on this topic and produced an outstanding *Atlas* volume, which will be utilized frequently as a diagnostic and teaching tool.

All of the contributors have reviewed the magnificent first edition of the *Atlas*. They have retained the excellent clinical and pathologic images and updated the tables and figures where new information is available. This *Atlas* volume is now even more useful for patient care and teaching.

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