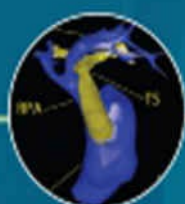


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# Preface

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Welcome to the ninth edition of *Kendig's Disorders of the Respiratory Tract in Children*, which has gone through many changes since the last edition. First, our two senior editors, Dr. Vic Chernick and Dr. Tom Boat, have chosen to hang up their red pens, despite the best efforts of the rest of us to keep them working. A fitting tribute to either of them would take up many, many pages; suffice it to say that they have been giants in our field, and more of us than can be listed here owe them a huge debt. Retire in Peace! We all want to have it on record that the health and high qualities of this volume are in large measure owed to them, while we also acknowledge that they cannot be held responsible for the flaws of their successors.

The editorial team has expanded, and not just because Vic and Tom have left behind two huge pairs of shoes to fill. We wanted to have more global representation on the editorial team, acknowledging that globalization has changed our specialty forever. A child febrile in West Africa can be in England within hours, triggering an Ebola crisis. John Donne reminded us that no man is an island, and today, no island is isolated (even post-Brexit); we have to know about diseases from all around the world if we are to offer the care our children have the right to expect. Furthermore, we can and should learn from each other. Many techniques pioneered in the developed world are less expensive and have been exported to low- and middle-income settings. However, the low- and middle-income countries have exported valuable lessons in the other direction: the focused approach to the millennium development goals, learning from best practice, and new diseases because of new exposures. In the 21st century, learning is a two-

way process. We welcome to the editorial team, joining the existing team from the United States, Canada, and Europe, Professors Heather Zar from South Africa, Peter Sly from Australia, and Albert Li from Hong Kong. We believe we have thereby made this edition truly global, with huge clinical relevance all around the world.

In addition to the changes in the editorial team, we have 87 new authors and 8 new chapters, with all the other chapters being completely revised, reorganized, and updated. Our new chapters reflect many developments in pediatric pulmonology. The era of biologicals is upon us, and we have chapters on molecular therapies for cystic fibrosis and asthma. The importance of interactions with other specialties is reflected in chapters on the principles of mechanical ventilation, respiratory complications of intensive care, and congenital heart disease, as well as pulmonary embolism (no organ is an island, either). Globalization is reflected with a chapter on emerging lung infections, and there are other new chapters on the respiratory complications of Down syndrome and other genetic disorders, as well as hypersensitivity pneumonitis and eosinophilic lung diseases. We have attempted to avoid dishing up the mixture as before, good though it was, in favor of revivifying the book.

The final revivifying theme is the transition from the paper copy of the 20th century to the multimedia and Internet resources of the 21st. There is a rich crop of online resources, in the eBook, including 50 videos, approximately 550 illustrations that can be downloaded for presentations and teaching, and extensive bibliographies with hyperlinks to the original articles.

So we hope you find this ninth edition a worthy successor to its eight forebears. We want to thank our team of authors for their hard and excellent work, and (for the most part!) meeting deadlines, or at least not going too far beyond them. Huge thanks to Elsevier and their whole editorial team, especially Lisa Barnes, for unfailing tolerance of our many sins. To you all belongs the credit for much that we believe is good, and to the editors the blame for any bad things that have slipped through. Special thanks to Bob Wilmott, who has undertaken the monumental task of oversight of the whole volume to iron out unnecessary repetitions and spot overlaps and omissions. We hope that you, the reader, gets as much from studying this book as we have from editing it. Finally, as the

ink dries on the blessed words “The End,” work starts on the next edition. Please e-mail any of us to let us know what has worked and what has not, what should have been in, and what should never have been allowed to see the light of day, so we can make the 10th edition better yet.

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