

PREFACE

In the past five years, so much additional progress has been made in our understanding of both the basic and clinical aspects of a wide variety of thyroid disorders that a second edition of *Diseases of the Thyroid* was considered a necessary addition to the *Contemporary Endocrinology* series. Fresh perspectives also seemed warranted, so we recruited new authors for many of the chapters and believe that this edition will provide the reader with further insights into the pathophysiology and clinical presentation and treatment of thyroid disease. It includes topics ranging from neonatal thyroid screening, thyroid dysfunction during infancy and childhood, peripartum thyroid disorders, thyroid disease in the elderly, and the clinical relevance of the sodium/iodide symporter (NIS) to the pathogenesis and treatment of nodular goiter, thyroid cancer, thyrotoxicosis, and hypothyroidism. The worldwide problem of iodine deficiency and its eradication is also discussed, along with environmental goitrogens and iodine-induced thyroid disease.

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