
PREFACE

Endocrinology: Basic and Clinical Principles, Second Edition aims to provide a comprehensive knowledge base for the applied and clinical science of endocrinology. The challenge in its presentation was to produce a volume that was timely, provided integration of basic science with physiologic and clinical principles, and yet was limited to 500 pages. This length makes the volume suitable as a text; and the timeliness we have striven for allows the book to serve as an off-the-shelf reference. Our goal was achieved largely through the selection of authors who are both expert writers and teachers. Tables and illustrative matter were used optimally to present information in a concise and comparative format.

Endocrinology: Basic and Clinical Principles, Second Edition will be useful to physicians and scientists as well as to students who wish to have a high-quality,

current reference to the general field of endocrinology. The use of an outline system and a comprehensive index will allow readers to locate promptly topics of particular interest. Key references are provided throughout for individuals requiring more in-depth information. The volume covers the comprehensive spectrum of current knowledge of hormone production and action, even including nonmammalian systems and plants, coverage rarely included in similar volumes.

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