
Preface

With the publication of the second edition of *Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease*, we have learned just how fast time flies. For the editors, and we suspect for the authors who have updated their chapters as well, it seems as if we had just completed our responsibilities for the first edition when plans were being made for the second. However, if there's one thing that moves even faster than our perception of time, it's the progress with regard to our understanding of inflammatory bowel disease.

A continuing explosion of discoveries in the areas of genetics, pharmacogenomics, biologic therapies, and epidemiology continue to shed new light on the basis of inflammatory bowel disease, while providing new roadmaps for the optimal management of children who have IBD. As with the first edition, we are indebted to the internationally recognized experts who contributed their chapters, bringing them up-to-date with the latest research from the last several years. It is the dedication of these contributors that made a second edition possible.

The focus of the textbook remains unchanged. We hope to provide a reference for health care providers ranging from primary care to pediatric- and internist-gastroenterologists that care for children and adolescents with IBD. Our intention was to provide a tool that supplements the existing inflammatory bowel disease references, focusing on those aspects unique to pediatrics while also referring back to important studies in adult patients that continue to steer our management of pediatric patients.

We have left the format of the textbook relatively unchanged, with sections dedicated to Etiology and Pathogenesis, Epidemiology and Clinical Features, Diagnosis, Medical Therapy, Surgical Therapy, Research, and Special Considerations—a section that covers topics that even the most experienced clinicians sometimes find challenging, including legislative advocacy, transition from pediatric to adult care, and quality improvement initiatives. We added new chapters on Microbiome, Liver disease in IBD, and Vaccination.

If all goes as planned, the field of pediatric IBD will continue to advance at rapid speed, and this second edition will serve as a stepping stone to the next edition. Until then, we hope and expect that those who care for children and adolescents with IBD will have the information they need readily at hand thanks to the efforts of the many contributors to this textbook.

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