

Preface

New to This Edition

Working with BVT has given us the exciting challenge of redesigning the book to make it even more user friendly. We were also able to enhance the text with BVT*Lab*®, which further supports instructors and students alike. All materials have been updated with a special focus on the latest available approved drugs in all therapeutic classifications. These updates include the following:

- Added information on COVID-19 that includes treatment and exposure prevention guidelines
- Added more Clinical Pearls on topics that include aerosolized antibiotics, continuous bronchodilator therapy, cystic fibrosis treatment, and conscious sedation
- Added computerized physician order entry (CPOE) and electronic medical record information
- Added section on inhaled pulmonary vasodilators
- Updated asthma and COPD information with the latest assessment and treatment guidelines
- Updated advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) guidelines
- Enhanced photographic appendices that help group the LABAs, SABAs, LAMAs, SAMAs, ICSs, and other inhaled medication categories for visualization enhancement.
- Updated and added relevant websites

It is also very important to note what we did not change: We strove to maintain the same user-friendly writing style that has been well received in previous editions and to keep the rich use of analogies that has helped students to truly learn the material—rather than requiring them to rely on massive short-term memorization.