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Preface

In the years that have passed since the publication of the last volume of Progress in Pathology have seen many developments and changes in the practice of Pathology. The basis of our work in the diagnosis and understanding of disease processes remains much the same as ever but, as our society becomes more developed and more demanding of its healthcare workers, the challenges that we face grow beyond the basic task of diagnosis, to considerations of the place of the specialty of Pathology within that complex animal, the multidisciplinary team in the hospital, as well as more widely in society itself.

Some of these developments are reflected in the range of chapters to be found within these covers. The selection in this volume extends from basic science and issues in neuropathology and lymphoma, through the effects of drugs in causing, as well as treating, disease in the liver, to consideration of why small children come to die suddenly, and what may be found in the hearts of some adults who also come to autopsy after unexpected deaths. We also include contributions on the developing role of the pathologist as part of the multidisciplinary team and on the legislation that has been enacted in England as a reaction to some of the negative publicity that has impinged upon the specialty in recent years.

This review of the state of Pathology will, we hope, give you, our readers, an opportunity to develop your knowledge as well as to reflect upon some of the ways in which our work is changing, whether preparing for professional examinations or as part of continuing professional development. Once again we cannot disagree with the old adage that you cannot ‘stand in the way of Progress’. We trust that you will find much of interest here.

The observant amongst you will have noticed that this, the 7th volume of Progress, sees us with, apparently, new publishers. In fact our new publishers, Cambridge University Press, have bought out our former publishers Greenwich Medical Media. We look forward to working with Cambridge for many editions to come.

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