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Preface

This book is a comprehensive overview of clinical and diagnostic virology for those healthcare professionals who are caring for people who have or may have viral infections. There are embedded links to relevant websites, where detailed, up-to-date advice on clinical management can be found.

The book is intended for use by infection speciality trainees as well as primary care practitioners, trainee doctors, healthcare scientists, infection control nurses and other healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses and healthcare staff) working in non-infection specialities who deal with patients with suspected virus infections.

The aim of the book is for it to be a quick reference guide to differential diagnosis, giving information on which specimens and tests are best for laboratory diagnosis and how to interpret results, which treatments to use and what the implications are for control of infection.

The book has easily accessible information, with tables, figures and algorithms to aid easy reference for the busy clinician. After a chapter on basic virology, the book is divided into four main sections:

- An alphabetically arranged series of chapters on individual viruses. We have used a standard chapter format throughout, to enable the reader to access important information (e.g. epidemiology, route of spread, prevalence, clinical presentation, laboratory diagnosis and interpretation of results and treatment) quickly and easily.
- A set of clinical syndromes (e.g. hepatitis and skin rashes) where different viruses and their clinical syndromes are presented.
- A laboratory diagnosis section.
- A patient management section, giving information on the use of antiviral drugs, viral vaccines, occupational health, and public health and pandemic preparedness.

We are aware that most virologists in the UK deal with some non-viral pathogens (e.g. chlamydia, toxoplasma, atypical pneumonia organisms), so chapters on these pathogens are also included.

In revising this book for the second edition, we have updated all the chapters in the previous edition and added chapters on SARS-CoV-2, viral zoonotic infections, quality control and laboratory accreditation, and public health and pandemic preparedness.

We hope you enjoy reading this book and find it a useful source of information. We hope it will help you manage patients and resources better or learn more about viruses and their impact on human health.



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Abbreviations

AIDS acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

ALT alanine transaminase ART antiretroviral therapy

ATL adult T-cell leukaemia/lymphoma

BAL bronchoalveolar lavage

BASL British Association for Study of Liver Disease

BBV blood-borne virus
BHIVA British HIV Association
BMT bone marrow transplant

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CJD Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

CMV cytomegalovirus
CNS central nervous system
CSF cerebrospinal fluid
DAA direct-acting antiviral
DNA deoxyribonucleic acid
DS double stranded

EASL European Association for Study of Liver Disease

EBV Epstein–Barr virus

EDTA ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid

EI erythema infectiosum EIA enzyme immunoassay

ELISA enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

EM electron microscopy FVU first-void urine

HIV human immunodeficiency virus

HAV hepatitis A virus hepatitis B virus HBV **HCV** hepatitis C virus **HCW** healthcare worker HDV hepatitis D virus **HEV** hepatitis E virus HHV human herpes virus hMPV human metapneumovirus **HNIG** human immunoglobulin **HPV** human papillomavirus **HSV** herpes simplex virus

HTLV human T-cell lymphotropic virus

ICU intensive care unit
IF or IFT immunofluorescence test

I/V intravenous

LRTI lower respiratory tract infection
MERS Middle East respiratory syndrome
MMR measles, mumps and rubella

mRNA messenger RNA

MSM men who have sex with men

NAAT nucleic acid amplification techniques/test

NHS National Health Service

NK natural killer

PCR polymerase chain reaction PEP post-exposure prophylaxis

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PIV parainfluenza virus POC point of care POCT point of care testing

PrEP pre-exposure prophylaxis PTLD post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease

PWIDs persons who inject drugs

RNA ribonucleic acid

RSV respiratory syncytial virus

RT-PCR reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction

SARS severe acute respiratory syndrome

SARS-CoV-2 SARS coronavirus 2

SIV simian immunodeficiency virus

SS single stranded

STI sexually transmitted infection STLV simian T-lymphotropic virus TBE tick-borne encephalitis

TCR T-cell receptor

TSE transmissible spongiform encephalopathy

UK Health Security Agency

VCA viral capsid antigen

vCJD variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

VLP virus-like particle

VZIG varicella-zoster immune globulin

VZV varicella-zoster virus WHO World Health Organization

YFV yellow fever virus

ZV Zika virus