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## Preface

Brice Pitt, a pioneer of old age psychiatry in the United Kingdom, edited the first edition of this book. Rob and Cornelius, both of whom remain grateful for Brice's influence on their practice, are delighted to oversee a new edition 21 years later. We have tried to ensure that his energy, enthusiasm and erudition (and his love of alliteration) remain strongly present.

Over those years old age psychiatry has come of age and blossomed around the world. Many of the early innovations such as home visits, involving families and promoting autonomy are now taken for granted. There is a broader reach across cultural groups. We feel very lucky to have had the chance to work with older people – and with the many distinguished practitioners who have contributed to this book. We hope these seminars inspire our readers to continue the good work.

## Note

Some chapters contain vignettes and case studies regarding named patients. These patients are based upon the authors' combined experiences; have been adapted and altered to highlight the content of the book; and do not pertain to any specific individual.