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PREFACE

Since the publication of the first edition of *Hospital Pharmacy* in 1965, the institutional practice of pharmacy has made great progress. Professional hospital and clinical pharmacists now practice in hospitals, extended care facilities, nursing homes, neighborhood health centers and satellite clinics. Within these environments, pharmacists contribute to the triad of *patient care, teaching and research* through clinical programs involving the taking of patient drug histories, maintaining patient drug profiles and providing surveillance for drug interactions. Also, of great importance are programs in unit dose dispensing, preparation of hyperalimentation fluids, drug abuse education, drug utilization review, the development of systems for the control of drugs, poison control centers and post-marketing surveillance of prescription drugs.

Notwithstanding the above cited developments within the profession, the original purposes and scope of the book as well as my philosophy relative to the methodology of presentation have not changed. Thus, new material has been added and no longer pertinent subjects have been deleted. Hopefully, the end result is a useful text which permits the teacher the opportunity to provide the student with academically cogent supplementary data via classroom lectures, yet provides the practitioner guidance in the development of a pharmaceutical service to meet the needs of the particular institution served.

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