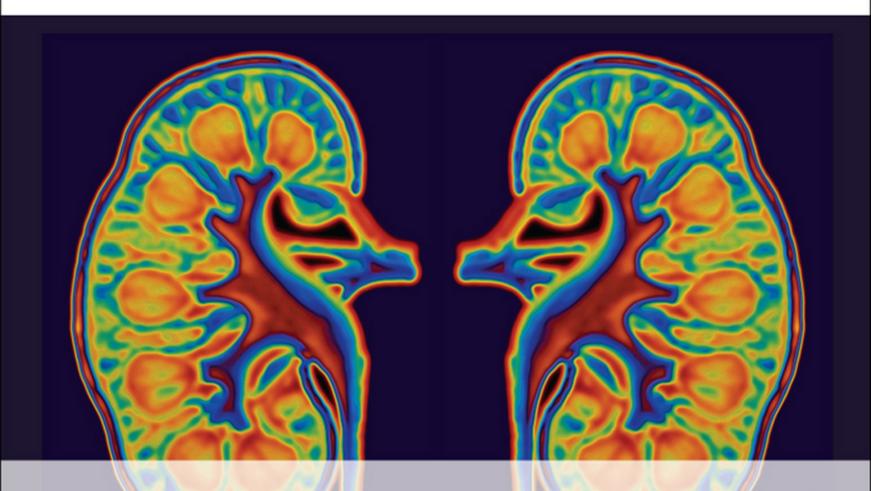
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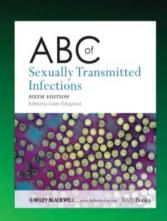


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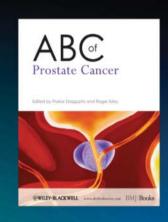
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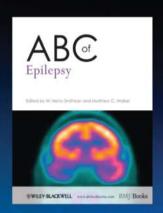


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Preface

This is the second edition of this popular handbook on kidney disease. It is necessary because important advances have been made in several areas, including the treatment of the anaemia associated with chronic kidney disease. Moreover, with the passage of time, more is now known about the prevalence, and importance, of chronic kidney disease in the United Kingdom and the rest of the world. In this second edition, we refine the presentation of the information concerning chronic kidney disease, we expand on the importance of good preparation for dialysis and transplantation,

where those options are relevant, and we expand on the important area of conservative, or non-dialytic, management of the symptoms of chronic kidney disease, an option which is taken by increasing numbers. We have also revised the appendices, which include a Top Ten Tips section for quick reference. All in all, we hope and feel that this new version is an improvement on its predecessor, and that readers (from students to non-kidney specialists) will find this book a useful guide to the best management of a growing number of patients.