

# Foreword

The International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) continues with its aim to provide up-to-date, scientifically sound tools and educational materials that can be used by professionals the world over.

This new edition of IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control builds on its predecessors, enhancing and updating in a scientific way the knowledge required as a foundation on which local policies and procedures can be developed.

Most chapters have been reviewed and brought up-to-date by an international panel of experts, and new ones have been added to ensure this new edition provides a sound comprehensive knowledge base.

As before, we hope the infection prevention and control principles set out in this book are applicable to all health care settings, especially in these days of global limitation of resources, but particularly to areas where infection prevention and control is still in its infancy.

The IFIC Board of Trustees, on behalf of the authors and our corporate sponsor, hope that you will find this book a helpful tool in your daily practice.

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