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Foreword.....

It is a pleasure to write this foreword to a book being brought out by a junior member of our faculty. Laboratory investigations are an important part of medical practice and the knowledge of these is very essential to all concerned in health care. Though the big books will give in-depth information about all investigations, when it comes to individual investigation, we require a precise knowledge when to ask for what investigation and what are the requirements and how to interpret and infer from these investigations. It is for this situation a precise guide is required. The *Practical Manual of Hematology* fulfills this requirement and I congratulate Dr Girish Kamat, Assistant Professor, in the Department of Pathology to have recognized this need and come out with a solution. It is nice to see that he has included a chapter on Quality Control. To quote what he has written: "Quality is not achieved by administrators issuing instructions and memoranda", we can say the quality and benefit of an investigation comes from proper selection, conduction, accuracy and interpretation of the investigation. This practical manual will be most useful to the doctors and technicians alike in achieving this goal.

Knowing the standard of Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd, I am confident that the manual will come out very well and will be used by students and practitioners to their advantage.

May Lord Manjunatheshwara bless us all.

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Preface .....

This small compilation is intended to refresh the knowledge of laboratory hematology in a simplified manner. I hope it will be useful as a quick reference guide for postgraduates in pathology, MBBS students, students of medical laboratory technology, as well as practicing pathologists and hematologists. I have tried to cover basic hematology techniques, which are not included in recent editions of most of textbooks on clinical pathology. All the information is provided in a point-wise manner, which is easy to comprehend.

I am thankful to staff of pathology departments of SDM College of Medical Sciences, Shri BM Patil Medical College and Al Ameen Medical College, for their cooperation and support. I am thankful to our Dean, Dr YS Rai, who has been very kind to accede to my request to write foreword for this book. I am also thankful to my publishers, M/s Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd for their sincere effort in publishing the book within stipulated time.

Any suggestions for improvement would be greatly welcomed.

Girish Kamat

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