

Preface to the Second Edition

We are gratified by the resounding success of the first edition. We have received many compliments and acknowledgments that this book addresses an important and heretofore unmet need for a practical guide for the various types of practitioners engaged in the care of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) patients and donors. We have been particularly gratified by the willingness of senior transplant experts from around the world to share their wealth of knowledge with others for the overarching goal of improving transplant practice. The authors' contributions have been of very high quality and chock full of practical tips and important perspectives that are not ordinarily found in textbooks. This truly complements the types of knowledge that one expects to find in a textbook. It places under one cover the types of information that one would find in practical reviews of individual topics.

Many of our readers have told us how they have used the book and have offered suggestions for new topics and how the book could better serve the needs of the transplant community. One major use has been to enhance the educational experience of trainees. Another important use has been to provide a resource for new practitioners to the field who rely on it as a handy resource. To enhance the usability of the book we have reorganized the content to facilitate finding the topic of interest more easily. We have encouraged the authors to emphasize an educational bent in presenting their material. We editors have focused on shaping the content to meet this need.

The practice of hematopoietic cell transplantation has evolved. Each of the topics in the first edition has been revised to ensure the content is up to date. In addition, we have added new chapters to cover nonmalignant diseases, haploidentical transplants, and photopheresis. A chapter has been added to discuss the growing recognition of iron overload as a problem before and after HSCT. There is a growing recognition that cardiovascular complications may limit the success of HSCT and recognition and management of lipid disorders is something we clinicians can do to mitigate this threat. All of medicine is increasingly emphasizing safety and

quality practices and we have added a chapter to address this. Finally, financial considerations have always been a concern, and if anything they loom even more relevant with the enormous changes in health care today. An added chapter discusses this topic.

We again invite your feedback. For this book to continue to meet the field's needs, we rely on your input to ensure we serve the ever-changing needs of our profession.

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