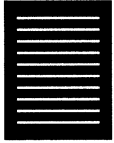


Preface



THIS POCKET GUIDE was written primarily for trainees and others new to the field of stem cell collection. It represents an amalgamation of formal and informal teaching to my residents over the last 25 years. It covers stem cell collection and processing, as well as laboratory and patient care issues that can arise during the peri- and posttransplant periods. The text also includes many tables for quick reference and reader ease.

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