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### **PREFACE**

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This book is derived from a research project title "An exploration of self-care practice and self-care support of patients with type 2 diabetes in Malaysia". However, the content of this book will focusing on the review of the current evidence of self-care support for patients with type 2 diabetes, the information on how this research was conducted, the findings derived from the data that is consist of the interview of the patients with type 2 diabetes, interviews with the healthcare professionals involved in the management of diabetes in the primary and secondary healthcare settings, observation of the diabetes consultation

session between the patients and healthcare professionals and the analysis of the selected documents that are currently used in guiding the management of type 2 diabetes within the Malaysian healthcare settings.

It is hope that this book will shed the light on the issues around the self-care support provision of type 2 diabetes particularly in Malaysia. Within the data that is presented in this book it is clear that, the increased incidence of uncontrolled type 2 diabetes is not merely due to poor self-care practice by patients, but also due to constraints in service delivery and underdevelopment of self-care support provision. The evidence generated can assist in the development of strategies to improve the quality of care and facilitate changes in the self-care support provision in Malaysia.

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