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Preface

The discipline of travel medicine continues to develop with established roots and structures worldwide. The necessity for the clinical practice of travel medicine in the prevention of ill health has never been more understood than now, with ever-increasing numbers of people traveling and criss-crossing the world alongside the potential hazards that travelers themselves may be exposed to and also the potential inherent risk to public health and populations internationally as a consequence of travel. Protecting travelers and, concomitantly, communities and populations requires the skill and expertise of travel medicine practitioners whose knowledge base is underpinned by continued professional development. Knowledge and education go hand in hand, with specialist training being an essential element, so enabling best clinical practice in a constantly evolving specialty.

The purpose of this book is to support those studying for a qualification or higher degree in travel medicine, and it is hoped that it will be used alongside and complement travel medicine reference books. This book is designed not only to support postgraduate training in the discipline but also to encourage undergraduate training in travel medicine in the curriculum of multidisciplinary healthcare training programs. It has been written in a style to complement lectures, with easily accessible information on the core topics required to enable the day-to-day clinical practice of travel medicine. Authors from different continents were chosen specifically in order to represent a range of views reflecting clinical practice and training courses that are available in different countries through the world.

It is hoped that this book will become a useful aide for those furthering their knowledge in addition to being a practical guide that will enhance the clinical practice and profile of travel medicine as a specialty. For those new to the growing discipline of travel medicine, an aspiration is that this book will stimulate interest and enthusiasm for the discipline for the next generation of travel medicine practitioners.

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