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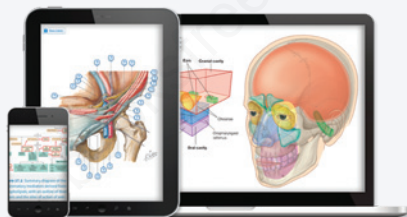


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# Preface to Sixth Edition

One of the pleasures of writing the preface for a book on clinical examination is that the fundamentals don't change. A thorough history, a complete physical examination and a logical deduction and conclusion from the findings remain the basis of clinical interaction. In this edition, we have responded to critiques by adding extra diagrams, making alterations here and there, and improving the layout. The good doctor is the good listener, good examiner, good interpreter and good problem-solver. We hope that clinical examination will not be supplanted by CTs, MRIs, PETs, and increasingly sophisticated scanning techniques. Scanning techniques have improved dramatically in the past 20 years for those based in secondary and tertiary care hospitals. This has been especially true of ultrasonic examinations of the acute abdomen in infants and children, in cardiac echographs, and in MRI examination of the newborn and infant brain, to cite but a few examples. The primary care paediatrician working in remote or isolated practice will still need to rely on his/her diagnostic wit and clinical skills. We trust that clinical findings will continue to direct appropriate investigations. Listening and laying on of hands remain the cornerstones of clinical contact and contract. Good children's clinicians do more talking and thinking, and hopefully less blood testing. Children will like them for that.

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# Internet sites

There is virtually limitless information available on the internet. Students will learn of and access their favourite sites. The list below is limited and selective, but hopefully contains appropriate starting points.

- <http://journals.bmj.com> *BMJ* (British Medical Journal)
- [www.medicalstudent.com](http://www.medicalstudent.com)
- [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org) American Academy of Pediatrics
- [www.omim.org](http://www.omim.org) Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man
- <http://www.medic8.com/MedicalDictionary.htm>
- [www.rarediseases.org](http://www.rarediseases.org)
- <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed> PubMed
- [www.rcpch.ac.uk](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk) Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- <http://www.who.int/en/> World Health Organization (WHO)
- <http://adc.bmj.com/> *Archives of Disease in Childhood*
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