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Preface



his book is dedicated to Dr. Janice (Jan) Riordan, the founding editor of *Breastfeeding and Human Lactation* and pioneer in the field of human lactation and the lactation consultant profession. Jan passed away on September 17, 2018. I, like many others, miss her very much, but I am eter-

nally grateful to her for her longtime mentoring and the opportunity to serve as an author and editor of Breastfeeding and Human Lactation. Jan was an extraordinary scholar who abundantly gave to the lactation and breastfeeding clinical, education, and research community, both nationally and internationally. Professionally, she was a nurse, an international board-certified lactation consultant (IBCLC), a nurse educator, and a breastfeeding researcher with a specialty in instrument development and testing. She was a prolific author, publishing many books and papers in several outstanding peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing (JOGNN) and the Journal of Human Lactation. Jan was a fierce breastfeeding advocate and professional whose efforts were widely demonstrated through La Leche League; Wichita State University, where she taught in the School of Nursing for 23 years and established the Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professorship in Maternal Child Health; the International Lactation Consultant Association, where she led the research committee and served on the ILCA board of directors; and the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners, as a founding member of this important credentialing organization. Her beliefs and values related to breastfeeding and lactation stemmed from her nursing background as well as her personal experiences as a mother of six children. We miss you, Jan, and your love of the lactation and breastfeeding discipline will live on for years to come in Breastfeeding and Human Lactation, the classic evidence-based bible of lactation and breastfeeding.

In this sixth edition, I welcome Becky Spencer as the new coeditor of Breastfeeding and Human Lactation. Becky comes to the coeditor position from Texas Woman's University School of Nursing, where she was recently promoted to associate professor. Becky teaches in the master's and doctoral programs at TWU and conducts breastfeeding research, with a focus on disparities in breastfeeding, especially among African American women. Becky's expertise in qualitative research and excellent writing and editing skills (exhibited in the recently published Core Curriculum for Interdisciplinary Lactation Care) will serve her well in her role. Welcome, Becky!

Changes to this *Sixth Edition* are once again plentiful and, it is hoped, useful to our readers. We now have 24 chapters in the book; we have included again a chapter on maternal nutrition in breastfeeding, authored by Alicia Simpson. Extensive changes and revisions were made to some chapters while fewer revisions/changes were made to others. We are fortunate that the evidence underlying the science of breastfeeding and human lactation continues to grow, and we have done our best to include such evidence in the chapters. We welcome several new contributors to the book; many took on chapters authored by Dr. Riordan and retiring authors or joined existing senior authors. Our goal was to include knowledgeable experts, and we believe we have done so.

Since the last edition of the book, advances were again made in the promotion of and support for breastfeeding in the United States. Following in the footsteps of the Best Fed Beginnings program, the EMPower hospital-based quality improvement initiative was implemented between September 2014 and September 2018 to focus on maternity care practices leading to Baby-Friendly designation. Implemented in partnership with the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute and Population Health Improvement Partners and with guidance from Baby-Friendly USA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention–funded initiative included 91 hospitals in 23 states and led to the designation of 66 new Baby-Friendly hospitals.

As lactation care providers, educators, and researchers, we have an obligation to do our part in

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enhancing support for breastfeeding mothers. We hope that our book provides the evidence and information on practical application of that evidence in support of breastfeeding mothers.

Birth practices affect lactation. Thus, this edition again contains considerable content on obstetric issues, especially the importance of skin-to-skin care and keeping mothers and babies together 24 hours a day during the birth hospitalization. Maternity practices and obstetric intervention that impact breastfeeding have retained considerable attention from professional healthcare organizations. This is good news for efforts to support breastfeeding initiation and continuation. Examples include the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Committee Opinion #756, Optimizing Support for Breastfeeding as Part of Obstetric Practice, and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Practice Brief #4, Breastfeeding Recommendations for Women Who Receive Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders.

As is true of earlier editions, the sixth edition of this text has a clear clinical focus. Nearly every chapter contains a clinical implications section. Important concepts discussed in chapters are summarized at the end of each chapter—a feature that makes studying easier. Throughout the book are new references deemed by the authors to be the most important from the vastly expanded research and clinical literature. Some older references—which introduced then-new ideas that are now accepted common knowledge—have been removed to make room for the new.

Section 1 contrasts the past and present relative to breastfeeding and the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC)*. Chapter 1 concentrates on the work of the present-day IBCLC and the healthcare team who support lactation and breastfeeding, and it addresses work-related issues of lactation consulting, such as staffing. Chapter 2, with its new title, "Breastfeeding and Lactation: Roots and Wings," presents a historical context of breastfeeding within the greater context of infant feeding practices. Paige Hall Smith and Ellen Chetwynd are new authors of this chapter and have eloquently included an international focus and a sociocultural

context of breastfeeding past and present as well as visions for the future.

Section 2 focuses on basic anatomic and biologic imperatives of lactation. Clinical application of techniques must be based on a clear understanding of the relationships among form, function, and biological constructs. Researchers continue to find and validate the amazing properties in human milk, as described in the newly named Chapter 4, "The Composition and Specificity of Human Milk."

Section 3 remains the clinical heart of the book and describes the basics of what to do, when to do it, and how to do it when one assists the lactating mother. Section 3 thus centers on the perinatal period in the birth setting and concerns during the postpartum period following the family's return home—notably, breast problems, neonatal jaundice, and infant weight gain. This section also addresses special needs of preterm and ill babies and their mothers, and it presents a critical evaluation of breastfeeding devices and recommends how and when they can be most appropriately used. It concludes with a review of the development and current activities of human milk banking.

The first part of Section 4 focuses on the mother: the mother's health and returning to work. The topics then turn to the infant's health and special health needs. The techniques of infant assessment are explained and demonstrated with photographs.

Section 5 begins with a careful look at research—how it is conducted, why ongoing research is needed, how research findings can be applied in clinical settings, and what theories are related to lactation practice. The principles of education, the cornerstone of clinical practice, are explored next. The book concludes with chapters on culture's effect on breastfeeding and the sociological context of the breastfeeding family functions.

To avoid linguistic confusion, the book uses the following conventions: The masculine pronoun is used to denote the infant or child throughout the text as a matter of convenience to distinguish the child from the breastfeeding mother; nurses, lactation consultants, and other healthcare workers are referred to by feminine pronouns, although we recognize that men serve in all healthcare professions.

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