
Preface

Wong's Essentials of Pediatric Nursing has been a leading book in pediatric nursing since it was first published almost 40 years ago. This kind of support places immense accountability and responsibility on us to earn your future endorsement with each new edition. So, with your encouragement and constructive comments, we offer this extensive revision, the tenth edition of *Wong's Essentials of Pediatric Nursing*. This tenth edition continues the legacy of Donna Wong and David Wilson; our beloved colleagues. We hold dear their contributions and memories of their pursuit of excellence in all they did for the Wong textbooks.

To accomplish this, Marilyn J. Hockenberry, as editor-in-chief, along with Cheryl Rodgers, co-editor, and many expert nurses and multidisciplinary specialists, have revised, rewritten, or authored portions of the text concerning areas that are undergoing rapid and complex change. These areas include community nursing, development, immunizations, genetics, home care, pain assessment and management, high-risk newborn care, adolescent health issues, end-of-life care, and numerous pediatric diseases. We have carefully preserved aspects of the book that have met with universal acceptance—its state-of-the-art research-based information; its strong, integrated focus on the family and community; its logical and user-friendly organization; and its easy-to-read style.

We have tried to meet the increasing demands of faculty and students to teach and to learn in an environment characterized by rapid change, enormous amounts of information, fewer traditional clinical facilities, and less time.