

Preface

Kidney transplants are the most frequently performed solid organ transplants. Pancreas transplantation offers unique survival and quality of life benefits to selected diabetics with or without concomitant renal failure. The growing trend in the transplant community is that patients with kidney and pancreas transplants are cared for by a multidisciplinary team led by transplant surgeons and physicians. The complexity of clinical transplantation is further compounded by the competitive and regulatory landscape that transplant programs have to operate in. Given this scenario, the knowledge base that is required of the transplant physicians and surgeon encompasses not only medical aspects of patient care but also a sound grasp of issues related to the administration of programs and monitoring finance and outcomes.

We offer a textbook devoted to kidney and pancreas transplantation that is well grounded in scientific principles, quantitative clinical reasoning, clinical pharmacology, tested clinical practices and overall clinical applicability. Also addressed are key aspects in the initiation, maintenance and sustained growth of viable clinical programs in kidney and pancreas transplantation. The intended audience includes medical and surgical fellows who intend to pursue an interest in transplantation and the practicing transplant physician.

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