The revised edition of this popular manual provides a pocket-sized guide to the clinical management of TB, particularly in patients suffering from co-infection with HIV. Designed for use by busy clinicians, the manual aims to promote the best possible diagnosis and treatment in low-income countries where the prevalence of TB and HIV infection is high, case loads are heavy, and laboratory support may be limited. With these needs in mind, the manual combines the latest scientific knowledge about TB and HIV with authoritative advice based on extensive field experience in several of the hardest hit countries. Since there is increasing attention to the need to ensure high quality care of children with TB within National TB Programmes, changes in this second edition aim at improving the guidance on dealing with TB in children. The treatment of HIV infection has advanced enormously since 1996. Unfortunately, at present a very small proportion of all people infected with HIV globally have access to antiretroviral treatment. However, this proportion is sure to increase and clinicians involved in managing TB patients need to know about antiretroviral treatment. For these reasons there is a new chapter on antiretroviral drugs in the treatment of HIV infection.

Throughout the manual, tables, flow charts, lists of do’s and don’ts, questions and answers, and numerous practical tips are used to facilitate quick reference and correct decisions. Information ranges from advice on how to distinguish TB from other HIV-related pulmonary diseases to the simple reminder that in sub-Saharan Africa, anyone with TB is in a high risk group for HIV. Though primarily addressed to clinicians working at district hospitals in sub-Saharan Africa, the manual is also suitable for use in areas of Asia and South America where the problem of TB and HIV co-infection poses a growing clinical challenge.
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