This book is the second in the series entitled Current Histopathology and covers the broad field of renal pathology. It consists of 18 chapters beginning with a review of the normal microscopic anatomy of the kidney and proceeding through the various primary and secondary nonmalignant diseases affecting the kidney.

The text is concise, informative, and amply supported by 120 excellent illustrations. The editors include examples of a variety of staining techniques that aid in differential diagnosis and have not burdened the reader with excessive and redundant immunofluorescent photomicrographs. The electron micrographs are of excellent quality and of sufficient number to determine the many variations in pathological appearance.

Most chapters include a brief discussion of clinical features and pathogenesis but as intended, the major emphasis is on histopathology. All the major areas of renal disease are considered including a chapter on renal transplantation and pregnancy.

The book is intended as a bench manual for the clinical pathologist and as such does not serve as a detailed reference text. However, the material is covered in sufficient depth to make this a useful source to the practicing nephrologist as well as any pathologist who regularly reports on renal biopsy material.

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