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Paediatric hepatology is now an established subspecialty of paediatrics. Great advances in molecular biology, therapeutics, imaging and surgery have broadened our horizons towards understanding and management of children with liver disease. Surgical advances in the field of liver transplantation have breached lower age or weight limits for recipients. These advances have now made it possible for majority of children to survive with liver disease or with liver transplantation in to adulthood. This transition phase to adulthood is most challenging to adolescents and young adults, their families and the team of health professionals providing healthcare. While we strive towards newer treatments like hepatocyte transplantation or gene therapy we have to ensure early diagnosis and treatment of commoner conditions like biliary atresia. Although effective vaccines against viral hepatitis A and B have reduced their incidence while life style-associated disorders like obesity-related fatty liver disease are on the rise posing a new challenge that needs a multidisciplinary approach to curb the epidemic of obesity and related fatty liver disease.

The major objective of this book is to provide the natural history of childhood liver diseases in the modern technological advances in all aspects of disease management with emphasis on psychosocial issues like adherence that could affect the outcome.

The book is titled *Concise Pediatric and Adolescent Hepatology* to focus on management issues that are peculiar to adolescents and young adults.

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