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This manual is a reference guide to infection prevention thinking and practices in hospitals and healthcare facilities where resources are limited, and in some countries (e.g., Nepal, Nigeria, Mozambique, Rwanda and Somalia) actually decreasing. It is based in large part on the experience gained during the last 11 years since publication of the first manual, *Infection Prevention for Family Planning Service Programs*¹. It reflects what we (the authors) have learned from countless healthcare workers throughout the world who abstracted, translated, taught and used the simple, practical procedures and practices contained in that manual.

During the past decade, the success of the first manual as an international infection prevention reference for use in outpatient settings, such as family planning programs, has been amply documented. The challenge in writing this new manual has been to keep the content as simple and practical as possible while at the same time incorporating essential information on a much larger scale—infection prevention guidelines for hospitals providing general medical, surgical and obstetric services. Therefore, to make it as useful as possible, we sought input from a wide range of health professionals and international organizations, and we are deeply indebted to them for their interest, support and contributions. Specifically, the authors and JHPIEGO wish to thank:

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¹ Tietjen L, W Cronin and N McIntosh. 1992. *Infection Prevention for Family Planning Service Programs: A Problem-Solving Reference Manual*. Essential Medical Information Systems, Inc.: Durant, OK.

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