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## LIVER FUNCTION TEST AT A GLANCE

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## **PREFACE**

The field of hepatology is getting advanced day by day. There are so many liver disorders for which the treatment algorithm is also getting evolved. Though the method of treatment might change, the basic modality or the first test that is done when any liver disorder or liver injury is suspected, is the liver function test. By having a thorough knowledge of components of liver function test and its interpretation, diagnosis of early liver injury becomes possible. Early diagnosis and early treatment can prevent morbidity and mortality due to liver disorder.

The main aim of this book is providing concise, accurate and up to date information on each component of the liver function test, making it easy for the budding practitioners and students to diagnose certain liver disorders by enabling the practitioners to assess the liver function through biochemical markers. This book mainly aims at the clinical aspect of each component of the liver function test separately and not aimed for academic purpose.

This handbook also helps the practitioners to proceed further with the management of liver disorders and to choose appropriate choices for further testing after an abnormal liver function report for proper diagnosis. I thank all my superiors and chiefs for their insight for this handbook and for ensuring the content was of highest standard.

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