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**Sedgwick Press announces the Fourth Edition of
*The Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders***

Praise from previous editions:

“This type of reference should be widely available—in general and medical libraries, pediatricians' offices, and anywhere children receive care and service... This is a valuable resource for anyone wishing to provide parents and caregivers with an understandable description of any of the disorders included, and information about support groups and available resources.”

-Doody's Enterprises (Health Industry Book Reviews)

This comprehensive, informative directory is designed:

- To meet the growing consumer demands for current understandable medical information on pediatric disorders.
- To provide an overview of the educational resources and support services available for parents of children with such conditions.
- To serve as a comprehensive resource for physician assistants, case workers, social workers, genetic counselors, medical librarians and other professionals who are dedicated to providing concerned caregivers vital supportive services.

The 209 Disorders profiled in this text comprise both the physical and mental conditions that are most prevalent in the pediatric population, ages 0-18. *The Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders* includes 8,511 listings, 1,478 more than the last edition. Each listing has updated contact data- address, phone, fax, web site, e-mail and helpful descriptions. Combined, there are 4,810 more pieces of contact information than in the last edition, organized into the following six sections.

Section I – Disorders includes 209 major disorder chapters, that comprise more than 260 specific disorders, diseases or conditions. Arranged alphabetically from Achondroplasia to Wilson Disease, each chapter begins with an extensive description, written in understandable language. Each description includes: Disorder Name and Synonyms, Primary Symptoms, Physical Findings, Related Disorders, Cause, Disorder Type, Standard Treatment and Bodily System Affected. Following each description are disorder-specific resources, including Associations, State Agencies, Support Groups, Libraries, Resource Centers, Research Centers, Web Sites, Media Resources, and Camps. All disorder descriptions in this edition have been reviewed and revised by medical professionals to include the most up-to-date methods of diagnoses and treatment.

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Section II – General Resources includes over 1,000 resources, such as National Associations, Support Groups, Newsletters, Books and Magazines that are not limited to a specific disorder, but offer information and support for a wide range of issues and pediatric disorders. Users will find resources on not only physical pediatric disorders, but also on mental and emotional conditions as well as resources that deal with multi-disorder conditions.

Section III – The Human Body provides a comprehensive overview of the human body, beginning with the structure and function of human cells and tissues, continuing on to bodily systems, and then to prenatal and postnatal growth and development. This information enables the reader to broaden their understanding of how specific disorders relate to the body. The disorder descriptions in Section I reference those bodily systems that are affected by a particular disorder.

Section IV – Glossary contains a guide to medical terminology and provides important navigational tips and more than 200 commonly used medical prefixes, roots, and suffixes to help readers decipher terms they may encounter in the disorder descriptions, or in other resources they are using.

Section V – Guidelines for Obtaining Additional Information and Resources assists parents and caregivers that are interested in obtaining more information on such diverse topics. It is also useful to physicians who specialize in certain pediatric disorders, accredited hospitals, approved drugs or medical devices for certain pediatric conditions, or current clinical trials that are investigating possible new therapies for particular diseases.

The Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders includes several articles following the introduction that discuss new treatment guidelines for several conditions including: AIDS, Epilepsy, Hypertension, Asthma, Gastroenteritis, ADD, Ear Infections and Autism. Three indexes are included to help readers access the information by several different ways: Entry Index, Geographic Index and Subject Index.

The Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders is available in book form and as an Online Database. Subscribers to the Online Database will have immediate access to the thousands of resources for Pediatric Disorders contained in the print directory, with important updates all year long. Locating information sources for Pediatric Disorders has never been easier and now it's only a click away. Call (800) 562-2139 for more information.

The Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders will provide immediate access to information that is crucial to families and caregivers when coping with children's illnesses and will be a well-used addition to any public, academic or hospital library.

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