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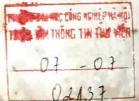
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Preface

Dear Students,

Welcome to the fascinating world of nutrition! We are all nutrition experts, in a sense, because we all eatseveral times a day. At the same time, though, nutrition can seem a bit confusing. One reason for all the
confusion is that it seems like "good nutrition" is a moving target: different authorities have different ideas
of how we should eat and nutrition recommendations are subject to change! Are eggs good for us or not?
Should we model our diets after a pyramid or a plate? Second, there are so many choices. Did you know
that the average supermarket carries about 40,000 food and beverage products? Food manufacturers and
grocery chains have one purpose—to make as large a profit as possible. Typically, the most aggressively
marketed items are not the healthiest. This has made shopping very complicated. In addition, as a nation, we
eat out a lot. When we eat foods that someone else has prepared for us, we surrender control over how much
salt and fat is in our food and how much food goes on our plates. There is a lot yet to learn, and you are
undoubtedly interested in what you personally should be eating and how the food you eat affects you.

Contemporary Natrition: A Functional Approach is designed to accurately convey changing and seemingly conflicting messages to all kinds of students. Our students commonly have misconceptions about nutrition, and many have a limited background in biology or chemistry. We teach complex scientific concepts at a level that will enable you to meaningfully apply the material to your own life. Contemporary Natrition: A Functional Approach, is organized somewhat differently than the traditional nutrition textbook in that Part Three presents information on vitamins, minerals and water using "a functional approach". Instead of describing these nutrients in their traditional categories (e.g., water soluble vitamins), we discuss them in groups based on their functions in either fluid and electrolyte balance, bone health, energy metabolism, or bone health, and as antioxidants. Learning about these nutrients in this format will enable you to immediately understand how they interact in food and in our bodies and how they work together to support these key functions that sustain our health.

We have written Contemporary Nutrition: A Functional Approach to help you make informed choices about the food you eat. We will take you through explanations of the nutrients in food and their relationship to health, but will also make you aware of the multitude of other factors that drive food choices. To guide you, we refer to many reputable research studies, books, policies, and web sites throughout the book. With this information at your fingertips, you will be well equipped to make your own informed choices about what and how much to eat. There is much to learn, so let's get started!

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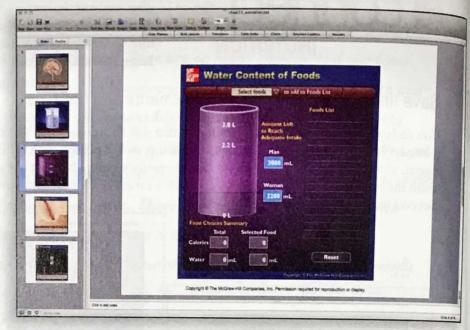
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