

Preface

The articles in this collection were written by Dr MK Rajakumar between 1974 and 2003. Even though some of these were published almost three decades ago, the issues discussed are still highly relevant today. The articles are chosen from an extensive list of lectures and publications that Dr Rajakumar had delivered or written over the years. It took me and two other colleagues about two years to source for the full text of these papers and put them together in this volume. This book is divided into two sections, reflecting the themes covered therein:

- Section 1: Family Medicine. The first eleven articles cover various aspects of family medicine, from philosophical basis of the discipline to quality of care. They address issues of family medicine in the local context as well as the international arena.
- Section 2: Healthcare & Society. The next seven articles present Dr Rajakumar's thoughts on broader issues that have created impact on the healthcare professions and the society, covering ethics, healthcare delivery, and the civil society.

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A list of Dr Rajakumar's presentations and publications is given in the Appendix. This list is unfortunately incomplete at the time of print – Dr Rajakumar had been too engrossed in lecturing and writing, in the midst of his busy clinical practice, to keep a complete list of his scholarly works!

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