We dedicate this monograph
to our cherished colleague and friend,

Ronald M. Davis, M.D.

We have considered it a privilege to work with Ron Davis as the lead Senior Scientific Editor of this monograph. Ron is known to many as a passionate advocate for tobacco control, who has used his finely honed skills as a translator of complex scientific concepts to facilitate progress in public health policy. Ron guided the development of this monograph from its conception to completion with outstanding leadership qualities and an unflinching pursuit of excellence. The extraordinary breadth and depth of his knowledge and experience in this field, combined with his scientific rigor and precision, made his contributions invaluable.

Despite being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in early 2008, Ron continued to work tirelessly on this monograph, employing his characteristic patience, good humor, and focused determination. His contributions will help ensure that this volume will serve as a definitive resource to guide the tobacco control community for many years to come.

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