

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank a few people who helped me with this book.

Dr Ian Shane Asiimwe for giving his time and patience in assisting me to put this book together. For helping to guide me on what to include in each chapter. Hopefully, this book will help him too when working in rural hospitals in Africa, where the nurses may have very little experience of looking after fistula patients.

Dr Mhairi Collie for being a great friend and introducing me to Africa and fistula surgery. The Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund has developed and flourished under her leadership with many happy women cured from this devastating condition. Also, the camaraderie from the teamwork during the UCIF camps.

Dr Brian Hancock for encouraging me to write this book to complement his own books on fistula surgery – *An Introduction to Fistula Surgery* and *Practical Obstetric Fistula*. Also, for his kindness in providing and allowing me to use some of his photos.

Gillian Slinger for her significant input and guidance, including content development, proofreading and publication of the book.

There are several others who have helped to proofread or have added information: Mwesigwa Annet, Namyalo Hatika, Christine Wood, Dr Anna Lloyd, Dr Yasuko Maeda and Dr Andrew Browning.

IT support from Hamish and Roddy Campbell.

Morven Mackinnon for providing me with some of the illustrations.

Finally, thanks to all the patients and staff for giving me permission to use their photographs to help illustrate the text.

Ishbel Campbell