

Preface

At the root of “teach” is the Latin word “*insignare*,” meaning to mark or imprint. This book is meant to leave such a mark—to spark curiosity, passion, and a scientific approach to retinal diseases. More than a collection of chapters, it is a shared effort from the team at San Raffaele Hospital in Milan, whose expertise reaches well beyond its walls.

With the strong support of our clinical staff and the valuable contributions of experts worldwide, this volume brings together years of case studies, striking imagery, and personal experiences. It goes beyond an academic manuscript, shaping a narrative of education, mentorship, and the deep connections within our field. It stands as a testament to the relationships and dedication that drive our profession forward.

A special thanks goes to the residents, whose hard work in compiling this book has been essential. Their growth, guided by experienced mentors both locally and internationally, has shaped them into specialists in their own right. This book is a reflection of their learning and the guidance they have received.

Ultra widefield imaging has reshaped our understanding of the retina, offering fresh perspectives on long-standing challenges. We hope this book does the same, expanding knowledge and opening new ways of thinking. Each contributor has brought their own insights and experiences, making this a truly collective work.

We invite you to explore these pages, learn from our shared experiences, and perhaps see the retina—and ophthalmology as a whole—through a “ultra widened” lens.

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