
Preface

Keratoconus is a common disease, and its prevalence increases day by day due to the huge development in diagnostic and screening tools. Management of keratoconus has also developed; new approaches have raised either to halt the progression of the disease or to rehabilitate the cornea or to achieve both.

It is easy to diagnose the disease, but it is not that easy to classify and grade it. Nevertheless, each treatment modality has its own indications, conditions, contraindications, and complications. All of that put the doctor in many cases on crossroads and make a challenge in choosing the modality(s) that may give the patient the desired optimal result.

There are – of course – general guidelines, but tricky things are so many, hence the aim of this book: that is to clarify and specify those guidelines and to build up a mesh among specific criteria that the doctor should look for.

The way that this book deals with this topic is systematic and academic. First, it mentions the disease and its diagnostic tools with the related clinical interpretation. Second, it goes through treatment modalities in a classified and listed manner rather than an elaborating one. Third, it builds up a mesh in a flow chart manner and suggests a checklist together with a three-step approach. The checklist and the three-step approach are finally applied on nine cases taken as examples and studied following the systematic approach.

The strategy in compiling this book is combining excellence in pictorial quality with a concise but ordered text.

I have aimed the book at all those who need some initial assistance in approaching keratoconus. There are sure to be some errors; as the ophthalmology editor, I take full responsibility for these and look forward to being further educated.

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