
Preface

Do you remember your ophthalmology teacher? Sitting at the slit lamp, a lens in his/her hand, rotating slowly clockwise, staring into the tubes of the slit lamp and the patient waiting patiently for the end of the procedure while methylcellulose ran down his/her cheek ... and no words, a few notes, maybe a small sketch. And you have been standing watching, seeking information, desiring to do the gonioscopy yourself to get an insight into these delicate parts of the eye. No chance, next time, maybe, ...

Gonioscopy was not always taught in former times. But new classifications (of angle closure) and new methods of surgery directly targeting the cause of primary open angle glaucoma, the pathological trabecular meshwork, aroused increasing interest. Educational courses are offered at meetings, the internet provides more and more information and: this new book has been prepared to recall and complete your knowledge about the chamber angle and gonioscopy.

The aim of gonioscopy is to distinguish between normal aspects and their variations and between changes due to aging or caused by different pathologies. The initial therapy is totally different in an open and a closed angle!

Gonioscopy is a simple technique, easy to learn, but it needs experience. So do it as often as possible; it is very satisfying, it gives you a lot of information, it is a necessity for arriving at an appropriate diagnosis and for deciding on an adequate therapy. It is really worth doing it! Start today!

We wish you an entertaining reading and much success with your glaucoma patients!

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