
Preface

Over coffee at the annual meeting of the European Congress of Radiology in 2011, we realized that despite the attention given to the tremendous increase in the aging population in many countries, there is no current work that offers a comprehensive overview of the radiological aspects of geriatric medicine. We agreed immediately to publish just such a book.

All aspects of radiology in geriatric medicine, including pathologies of the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and urogenital systems are covered. Imaging of brain, head and neck, breast, and hematological pathologies is also included. Although the book focuses on diagnostic imaging, the final chapter describes interventional radiological procedures that are particularly relevant to geriatric patients.

Since aging is a worldwide problem, we looked worldwide for our authors. Italy and Europe were the purview of Prof. Guglielmi; Prof. Peh was responsible for Singapore and Asia; and Prof. Guermazi covered the United States and the Americas. The authors responded to our invitation with enthusiasm and we are grateful for their contributions. Italy, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the United States, Singapore, India, Japan, China, South Korea, and Thailand are all represented here, and we hope that readers will appreciate the international perspective of the contents.

We would like to dedicate this book to our wives Giulia, Angeline and Noura; and children Riccardo and Antonella, Fraser, Austin and Laura, and Dorra, Elias and Manel. Without their patience and love, this book would certainly not be in your hands today.

It has been a great pleasure to work with our colleagues from all over the world, and we trust that this book will be useful for physicians, especially geriatricians and radiologists, in their clinical practice and research. We would also like to thank the staff of the Springer editorial and production office for their enthusiastic support.

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