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## Preface

This book was developed based on the questions that clinicians, fellows, and residents taking care of glaucoma patients have asked us as consultants. Most textbooks on glaucoma provide a broad overview of the clinical and basic science literature, which is very useful to students learning about glaucoma. However, these textbooks may leave many questions unanswered for the clinician searching for advice on how to manage a specific problem. This book asks and answers those questions. Additionally, it covers topics that are not always included in traditional textbooks but that are being discussed at national and international meetings.

In addition to asking the questions that frequently arise in managing patients with glaucoma, a goal of this textbook was to have the authors who are familiar with the world literature digest that information in the context of their own clinical experience. We asked authors to answer questions the way they might answer a physician's questions over the phone. We asked them to state their opinions on how they like to manage clinical situations, where appropriate, and to also point out that their preferred management is not the only way to manage the problem if other acceptable means are available. The questions are organized by topic and cover diagnostic testing and interpretation, risk factors, medical treatment, procedural treatments, various glaucoma subtypes, and complications.

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