
Preface

This textbook, *Peripheral Ulcerative Keratitis*, came about in 2014, when the topic was covered in the Cornea Subspecialty Day at the AAO meeting in Chicago and we realized that this was a clinical area that required an updated textbook of its own. Though not that common, the disease is of sufficient importance to merit special attention by virtue of it being sight threatening and a complex disorder with an interplay of systemic and local pathologies and advances in therapeutic strategies that should be highlighted.

The book has a galaxy of contributing authors who are all clinical luminaries in the field and were kind enough to join the journey of reposing their knowledge in the form of a book. The book has been designed to serve as a simple practical guide to understanding the disease in a basic and clinical sense with a view to help both general ophthalmologists and cornea specialists have a ready reference at hand to guide their clinical practice in dealing with such patients. In addition, ophthalmology residents and cornea fellows would find it useful to read as valuable study material to build their basic knowledge and enhance clinical skills.

The chapters deal with different aspects of the illness and all facets of diagnosis and management are well represented in the different sections. The text has been supplemented with useful references and the appendices provide a useful guide by simple step-by-step algorithms which are easy to comprehend and follow. Both medical and surgical treatment options are mentioned and the approach to management is covered in a style which is comprehensive and easy to understand.

The erudite authors are from different corners of the globe and we are most grateful that they were very forthcoming in their contributions and helpful with adherence to timelines. We are indeed indebted to them for the excellent contributions they have made in providing their expertise for this venture. The textbook is supported by illustrative examples and figures to enable the reader to apply the information gained in a practical and effective manner.

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We trust that libraries will take this volume to be a valuable asset on their bookshelves and the readers will find this compendium a useful addition to their personal collection and carry useful take home messages every time they go through it. We hope you enjoy absorbing the contents provided as much as we did in compiling all the information within the confines of the covers and wish you success in handling patients you may encounter from time to time.

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