

PREFACE TO THE FIFTH EDITION

Once in a lifetime, authors are encouraged by popularity of the book they have written and the enthusiasm and excellent reviews of major journals. Furthermore, we were delighted that the demand for the book has spread around the world and has resulted in translations into eight languages: Malay, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, French, Finnish, German and Portuguese.

In recent years, we have witnessed spectacular ophthalmic innovations, including the development of new ophthalmic procedures and creation of new drugs. We are happy that we have managed to include many of these innovations in this new edition without increasing its size so that it can be carried around in the clinics. We were pleased that this book has now been produced in videos and CD-ROM format.

We hope this updated 5th edition will continue to be of value to the general practitioners, medical students, optometrists, nurses and paramedics. We are delighted that residents starting ophthalmic training found this book useful.

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PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION

We are delighted with the numerous enthusiastic reviews that we have received from international journals of the first three editions of this book. We are of course pleased that the book has been translated into eight languages: Malay, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, French, Finnish, German and Portuguese and that it continues to be popular. In the last few years, new procedures and drugs have emerged. We have therefore updated every chapter to include the latest in ophthalmic management, but take pains not to increase the size of the book so that it can be easily carried around by medical students and residents in the clinics. We are also delighted that this book has been produced on video and CD-ROM.

It is also our pleasure to mention that in a collaborative effort, Dr Ronald Pitts Crick FRCS FRCOphth and Professor Peng Tee Khaw PhD FRCP FRCS FRCOphth FIBiol, authors of a *A Textbook of Clinical Ophthalmology* (the 2nd Edition, 1997, published by World Scientific Publishing), have included references to the illustrations in our book, in their new 3rd Edition scheduled to be published soon. We hope that the cross references available from the two volumes will be beneficial to readers.

We hope that this updated 4th edition will continue to be of value to general practitioners, medical students, optometrists, nurses, paramedics and residents starting ophthalmology training.

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