

## *Foreword*

In the most recent years, the fast running of knowledge with continuous update of available information has called for a peculiar focus on specific clinical conditions and a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to their treatment.

The idea of gathering all the necessary and most updated information on endocarditis in a Clinical-Pathological Atlas has come from the passion to encourage, promote and support the dynamic sharing of knowledge through easy access to the outstanding iconography obtained from more than 30 years of experienced pathological examinations performed by Prof. Furio Silvestri, Prof. Rossana Bussani and their collaborators at the Institute of Pathology of the University of Trieste, Italy.

The educational power of the pictures included in this textbook is unique, and this Atlas sets its goal to provide a concise update on infective endocarditis based on the most recent statements of the international scientific societies. The direct involvement of the Fellows in Cardiology of the Cardiovascular Department of the University of Trieste and the clinicians of the University Hospital of Trieste shed the light on this interesting topic and has been an amazing tool to inspire a rigorous and multidisciplinary approach to clinical problem solving.

Drawing up this textbook highlighted the fundamental collaboration between clinicians and pathologists that proved to be of utmost importance in everyday clinical practice. Thanks to the leadership of an eminent cardiologist

ogist, Prof. Fulvio Camerini, a strong and valuable collaboration between the Cardiovascular Department and the Institute of Pathology has been established at the University Hospital "Ospedali Riuniti" of Trieste more than 30 years ago. This ever-lasting partnership and teamwork have always been an extraordinary tool for teaching, critical revision of complex cases and progress of knowledge.

We hope that the powerful and effective pictures may fascinate the readers and that the entire morphological and anatomical features of this Atlas could be translated into daily clinical practice.

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