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Preface

Ophthalmic cytology has emerged as an accepted and valuable diagnostic subspecialty. Surprising to most cytologists, definitive ophthalmic cancer therapy rarely requires cellular or tissue diagnosis. Experienced ophthalmologists can directly visualize ocular tumors and make accurate diagnoses in most cases. This fact does not diminish the importance of ophthalmic cytology. Rather it emphasizes the importance of close collaboration between cytologists and ophthalmologists when evaluating those clinically ambiguous cases that require corroboration. Indeed, this monograph emerged from our collaboration and recognition that accurate diagnoses require the contributions of both the cytologist and the ophthalmologist. Further, we recognized the need for a definitive and comprehensive source for ophthalmic cytology integrated with clinical ophthalmology.

We are greatly indebted to our twelve co-authors for contributing their time and expertise. Each brings valuable experience and their perspective to the respective topics.

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