Last year I was very proud to edit my first book dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of ileal diseases, published under the simple title *Ileoscopy*.

The book’s success derived from the participation of so many colleagues from several countries, who demonstrated their passion and competence in their contributions on this new topic of research in the field of modern gastroenterology and endoscopy.

Nonetheless, I never imagined that Springer would return with an even greater challenge: an atlas focused on this same topic, with brilliant images and concise but insightful discussions on the most important issues stemming from clinical practice!

But once again I was fortunate in being able to call upon my skilled colleagues, who, as before, did not disappoint in that they have been invaluable in sharing their knowledge. The result is a very interesting and user-friendly book that will not fail to attract the close attention of its readers, whether they are simply curious, wish to compare notes on a similar experience, consider a rare disease, view a particular image, update their skills, or, of course, share their passion for the world’s most beautiful profession: medicine.

So please enjoy our book and let’s hope that we meet again!

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