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Foreword

The development of diagnostic imaging methods has brought a great revolution in the treatment of endometriosis, allowing the preoperative mapping of the disease sites and a precise planning of the surgical strategy, especially in cases of deep and intestinal endometriosis. It also allowed us to correctly handle cases in which we did not indicate surgery, as well as the postoperative follow-up of patients treated surgically.

This atlas was developed by highly competent professionals in the diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis, allowing the specialist to have an overview of the diagnosis and treatment of the disease, from the clinical aspects of the diagnosis through imaging and the correlation with surgical and histopathological findings, essential quadrilateral for those who want to deal comprehensively and completely with a disease as prevalent as endometriosis.

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I hope you enjoy every detail of this book.

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