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# Preface

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I was really happy and honored when the Authors of this book on Ultrasounds in Aesthetic medicine asked me to prepare a preface to present it to the readers.

Hugues Cartier, Peter Velthuis and Alessio Redaelli are good friends and I have known them for a long time, and their commitment to science and safety in our specialty. Their expertise in the injectables segment is incorporated into this new chapter, which is developing and becoming a fundamental aspect of our practice.

This book, "*Facial Ultrasound in Aesthetic Medicine: Basic Principles and Clinical Practice*", embarks on a new chapter in plastic surgery and aesthetic dermatology, which is gradually being built: ultrasonography.

This preface is your gateway to a comprehensive guide that delves into the remarkable potential of ultrasound echography as a modern and reliable tool for facial and body injections. We will explore the principles and science behind this technology, dissect its applications, and showcase the expertise of pioneering practitioners who have harnessed its capabilities to craft the most natural and pleasing outcomes.

With the increase in malpractice and legal issues, it is increasingly important for HCPs to find a stable solution to prevent complications. There are many safety measures and tools to reduce the risk, including better knowledge of anatomy, a slow injection technique, aspirating before injection, and the "intelligent needle", with alarm. However, the most efficient and safe tool that prevents the risk, is ultrasonography guidance. In recent years, many congresses, training courses, articles, and books have pointed out the importance of ultrasound-guided injection training and have incorporated ultrasonography injection as a critical topic in their programs. It is my hope that this new book, after remarkable books like those by Ximena Worsman and Hee Jin Kim will inspire, educate, and guide all readers on this exciting journey into the captivating world of ultrasound echography guidance in our profession, both in daily activities, with more precision in our injections, and just like in an emergency context.

The field of these applications in medicine and cosmetic surgery is just beginning. My vision is that each of our injections will have to be documented by ultrasound before, during and after. This increasingly rapid practice will likely be recommended or even required on a legal level, hence the importance of this book.



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I am honored to have been asked to write an introduction to this most comprehensive textbook on Clinical Ultrasound. Drs Velthuis, Cartier, and Redaelli, and their truly international contributing Team have tirelessly brought this very innovative clinical tool to clinics worldwide- a remarkable accomplishment! With their expertise guiding this, what was once a more specialized investigation has become a very practical diagnostic and therapeutic tool.

Having ultrasound to painlessly “see” under the cutaneous surfaces of the entire head and neck to both diagnose and treat is an important – and yes, crucial – distinction between the novice and the expert clinician.

This excellent text informs the reader of the underlying science of ultrasound, head and neck anatomy as seen with ultrasound and the tips and tricks of clinical usage including using ultrasound for guidance in initial treatments as well as in the management of complications. The current commercially available ultrasound technologies are well described.

After visiting Dr Velthuis and Schelke’s Rotterdam Ultrasound clinic in September of 2022, I purchased an ultrasound system for my clinic in Vancouver. I highly recommend that you also, after enjoying this new text, add this important modality to your own therapeutic armamentarium.

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In this book, three international experts and good friends, Alessio Redaelli, Hugues Cartier, and Peter Velthuis put together an international team of experts and meticulously crafted a comprehensive guide to the diagnostic applications of ultrasound in the field of aesthetic medicine.

In today's world, where appearances often take the central stage, aesthetic medicine plays a vital role in helping individuals feel confident and beautiful in their own skin. Ultrasound technology has revolutionized this domain, offering safer, non-invasive procedures that deliver remarkable results.

With their deep knowledge and experience, the authors unravel the intricacies of ultrasound and demonstrate its immense potential. The book succeeds in enriching the knowledge of experienced ultrasound users, but also in educating practitioners without any previous experience, providing them the information and guidelines in a uniquely clear and enlightening way.

# Introduction

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In the reality of modern aesthetics, the pursuit of beauty has evolved far beyond mere cosmetics and skincare routines. Aesthetic medicine, a dynamic field at the intersection of art and science, has unlocked new dimensions in the quest for timeless allure.

Coming from the artistic sculpting of facial features, we are gradually moving into a science-driven understanding of what is needed and the ways we can deliver that. At the heart of beauty science lies a powerful tool that is still insufficiently used by the medical community: ultrasound imaging.

Probably Aesthetic Medicine is still not a totally “evidence-based medicine”, but with US this gap will improve!

Visualizing Beauty and the reality of what you are doing helps practitioners to know exactly what they are doing, during normal routine but also in emergencies.

UltraSounds will allow you to see the superficial layers better than in an anatomical theatre, and so will embark all of you, dear readers, on a journey into the captivating world where cutting-edge technology meets the artistry of human form. In these pages, we dive deep into the revolutionary role ultrasound imaging plays in reshaping the landscape of aesthetic medicine.

In the pursuit of personal beauty and rejuvenation, individuals have historically relied on the trust they place in the hands of skilled practitioners. However, as the field of aesthetic medicine continues to flourish, it becomes increasingly evident that knowledge, precision, and innovation are the keys to unlocking the full potential of aesthetic treatments. Ultrasound imaging has emerged as a game-changer, revolutionizing the way we understand, plan, and execute cosmetic procedures.

This book is a comprehensive exploration of how ultrasound technology is transforming the practice of aesthetic medicine. It provides both practitioners and enthusiasts with a window into the intricate world of non-invasive and minimally invasive procedures, shedding light on the scientific principles and artistic subtleties that underlie them. Our aim is to bridge the gap between the science behind ultrasound imaging and its application in the world of aesthetics. US is becoming part of every practice in the world, without thinking of the fact you can use US all over the body for a lot of other indications every minute of your daily job, even if you are not an aesthetic doctor. Dermatologists, vascular, general or plastic surgeons, general practitioners, and all other specialists will find in the ultrasound machine an incredible ally!

As you journey through these pages, you will discover:

1. **The Science Behind Ultrasound Imaging:** Gain a deep understanding of the principles that make ultrasound an invaluable tool for visualizing and assessing the structures beneath the skin. Explore the physics, technology, and methodologies that form the foundation of this powerful diagnostic tool. Everything is written in a very simple way, very understandable in our opinion by a specialist with great experience also in teaching. We strongly suggest you read these introductory pages since only if you know the basics will you be able to translate the images on the screen into real clinical anatomy and useful details.
2. **Aesthetic Anatomy Unveiled:** Dive into the anatomy of beauty. We explored the intricacies of facial structures, helping you appreciate the complexities that lie beneath the skin's surface. Aesthetic medicine is an art, and every masterpiece begins with a profound understanding of the real anatomy, live anatomy. Different anatomists and great practitioners wrote the anatomical chapters,

each with their deep and particular experiences. You will undoubtedly enjoy the clear and explained images, as well as the incredible videos embedded in our book. Simply frame the QR code found throughout the book to access them! The first time, you'll say, "How did she do it so clearly!!!" But then, slowly, you'll understand and find the same delicacy, the same details... the same incredible skills! This is a book to keep on your desk and use every day for assistance. We genuinely hope so!

3. **Diagnostic Precision:** Learn how ultrasound imaging enhances diagnostic precision, allowing practitioners to assess skin, fat, muscles, and other tissues with unparalleled accuracy. Discover how this knowledge is applied in procedures such as facial contouring, body sculpting, and skin rejuvenation. But also in very fine injections like BoNT-A. You'll say us: "we do not have all this time, it's useless. Our injections are very precise as well!" In our opinion, it is not true: your precision will rise accordingly with your anatomical knowledge that never before you had the possibility to have. And you do not know how many times you would like to have Hugues, Peter, Alessio, or one of our incredible coauthors near you to understand and discuss "that little white point on the screen"! What is it? However, we are here at your disposal to provide help and improve together!
4. **Minimally Invasive Techniques:** Explore the world of non-surgical and minimally invasive aesthetic procedures that leverage ultrasound guidance. Witness how ultrasound imaging has redefined these techniques, making them safer, more effective, and capable of delivering stunning results. From a simple cyst to a difficult injection for a complication to a solid neof ormation, Ultrasounds will always help you and your patient to make the right decision and have a superior precision. Patients will be enchanted by your way of action, simple and complete!
5. **Patient-Centric Care:** Understand the pivotal role of patient-centered care in aesthetic medicine. Learn how ultrasound imaging empowers both practitioners and patients to make informed decisions and achieve personalized aesthetic goals.

"Visualizing Beauty" is a tribute to the synergy of artistry and technology that defines modern evidence-based aesthetic medicine. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner, a medical student, or an individual curious about the possibilities of aesthetic enhancement, this book invites you to explore the intricate world of ultrasound imaging as a guiding light in the pursuit of beauty, diving in the anatomical reality. US makes our day, every day. Forget the blind technique; ultrasound, as the third eye, allows for a deep dive into the skin.

Join us on this captivating journey through the realms of science and artistry, where beauty is not just skin deep: it's a masterpiece waiting to be unveiled.

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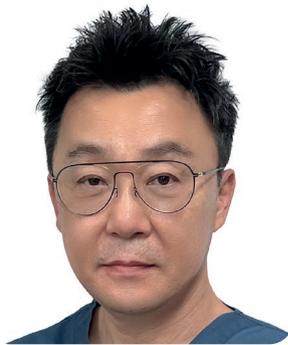
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