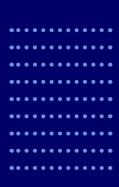


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PREFACE

his book is dedicated to everyone affected by vulvar lichen sclerosus (LS). Our aim is to provide comprehensive education and support to all who navigate this condition, emphasizing the importance of inclusive and respectful healthcare. Throughout the book we have referred to women and girls, reflecting that most people affected by vulvar LS identify as female and this informs both our clinical experience and the scientific literature. We also recognize people with LS who identify as male or non-binary and acknowledge the challenges of their LS journey.

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With sincere thanks and hopes for a brighter future,

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