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PREFACE

Many problems are encountered in the survey of patients with uveitis. One of the knottiest occurs in the differential diagnosis of posterior uveitis. Degenerative, neoplastic, and inflammatory lesions so often resemble each other that the clinician must exhaust all of his diagnostic skills to arrive at a proper diagnosis.

Non-uveitis entities involving the fundus have been referred frequently to the Uveitis Survey Clinic at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco during the past 15 years. In many cases the diagnostic confusion is understandable for even after many years of experience we find it most difficult to make a certain diagnosis. This symposium on those chorioretinal diseases which pose difficult differential diagnostic problems was stimulated by some of our difficult experiences in the Uveitis Survey Clinic.

To discuss this problem in depth, a guest faculty of eleven prominent investigators and teachers was recruited from various centers in the United States. During the sessions the guest instructors and the faculty members of the University of California Medical Center discussed specific chorioretinal diseases fully with free "give and take" sessions following each presentation. The transcript of the tape recording of the proceedings, after careful editing, is presented in the pages that follow. We hope that they may prove of interest to ophthalmologists and residents.

We are indebted to many ophthalmologists who have referred patients to our Uveitis Survey Clinic, for they have made it possible for us to study over 3,000 cases in the past 10 years.

Our special thanks to Alcon Laboratories, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas for their generous grant-in-aid to bring many of the guest speakers to this symposium.

We also thank the many practicing physicians who attended the symposium. Their presence and their questions are invaluable to such a symposium.

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