

Preface

For the first time a book has been published which discusses all of the relevant microsystems of acupuncture in practice today. In addition to ear acupuncture, where both Western schools according to Nogier and Bahr as well as Chinese schools are considered, special chapters are given to the following; Chinese Scalp Acupuncture, Yamamoto New Scalp Acupuncture, Mouth Acupuncture, Chinese Hand Acupuncture, Korean Hand Acupuncture, and New Point-Based Pain and Organ Therapy. In addition, the use of laser acupuncture and addiction treatment used with acupuncture is also considered.

The proven team of editors of the *Color Atlas of Acupuncture* and *Practice of Acupuncture* has been successful in gaining international recognition as acupuncture specialists through this book. The authors who have contributed to this book have been active in the field of acupuncture training for many years across various disciplines. In many cases, they also teach in universities as lecturers or heads of institutes. *Microsystems Acupuncture* highlights the most recent views on the diagnoses and therapies used for different somatotopies. The didactical concept, which has been developed by the team of editors and proven in practice, is a guarantee for your learning success.

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