



The International Prostate Health Council (IPHC), was established more than a decade ago, as an independent, non-governmental, non-profit organisation. Its main goals include the assessment of the current knowledge base and practice pattern of the physicians concerned with prostate diseases, of the level of awareness of these diseases on the part of the public and the creation of worldwide educational programs and resource materials for urologists, primary care physicians and allied health-care workers.

This booklet 'The Enigma of Prostatitis', based on IPHC discussions with other international experts, at the ancient French port of Saint Malo, on the northern coast of Brittany, is another of the series that offers expert opinion in a simply presented, well illustrated and easily assimilated manner.

The booklet targets urologists and primary health-care physicians to help them in their daily practice to understand the mechanisms of prostatic disease, with quality of life of the patient as an endpoint. In line with its independence, the IPHC has been able to present this booklet through the generous financial support of unrestricted educational grants from AstraZeneca, United Kingdom, SPA - Società Prodotti Antibiotici S.p.A., Italy, Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Japan and Sanofi-Aventis S.p.A., Italy.

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