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#### FOREWORD

I remember the day I thought a guide for healthcare industry communicators would be helpful exactly. It was 2012, I had recently graduated and was starting my career in the industry.

I have no scientific background and am not at all familiar with the world of medicine. I don't know the codes, the issues, or the ways of working.

I started working on communication missions dealing with subjects I had never heard of such as regenerative medicine, in vitro diagnostics, cellular therapies, and radiotherapy. I quickly felt lost and overwhelmed by the flow and diversity of technical information, the meaning and implications of which I found difficult to decipher.

The incomprehension is total. I feel light years away from my interlocutors (researchers, entrepreneurs, specialists). Sometimes I even feel like I am profoundly uneducated, only to realize very quickly, that we just do not speak the same language at all. This fact worries me a lot. If I don't understand my subject, how will I be able to communicate it?

Fortunately, I persevered! I have used my unquenchable thirst for knowledge to find the information and the people who would help me grasp the key concepts to accomplish my mission and become a credible professional in a complex sector. I have developed a passion for research and innovation, and a deep admiration for all those who dedicate their time and energy to finding solutions to improve the lives of patients.

With this book, I want to help people working in the healthcare industry to communicate and prove that communication, far from being a support function, is also a science.

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