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## FOREWORD

Once a patient with vitiligo told me, "The drama of having vitiligo is, knowing what disease you have but *not* knowing that there is something to do about it". To my surprise, I learned that many other patients with vitiligo share this opinion; they are told by their physician that there is no treatment for their pigmentary disorder and that they should just learn to live with it. Why are many patients with vitiligo not offered treatment by their physician ? Is vitiligo an untreatable skin disease ? If not, what treatments for vitiligo are there ? How effective and safe are these treatments ? To whom and how should these treatments be applied ? I hope you will find answers to these questions in this thesis. Enjoy your reading.

M.D. Njoo

Dedicated to my father and my mother

For Nancy