
Preface

The relationship between nutrition and skin has become a “hot” topic that is exciting researchers and clinicians worldwide. New insights into the effects of orally applied, biologically active molecules on skin functions have stimulated a continuously growing interest in the development of nutritional supplements and, most importantly, functional food products to benefit human skin. This monograph attempts to provide an up-to-date overview regarding all aspects of nutrition and skin. It includes in-depth, critical discussions of the molecular basis as well as current concepts propagated for nutrition-based cosmetic, preventive, and therapeutic dermatological strategies. The explosion of knowledge in this field over even the last few years is remarkable with consequences for practicing dermatologists, patients, cosmetic and nutritional industry, and consumers in general. To capture the depth and breadth of this learning, we have recruited leading experts from multiple subdisciplines. All authors are internationally recognized, and we are very grateful for their excellent contributions. We hope that this book will serve you as a state-of-the-art reference and will further stimulate your interest in this fascinating area.

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