
Preface

The idea of putting together this review book arose when I was studying for my dermatology board examination. At the time, I was unable to find a comprehensive study guide combining both high yield text and high quality images. As a result, I was forced to use multiple books for the review text and several other sources for accompanying images, which proved to be very challenging and time consuming. My goal was to create a practical review book with concise yet thorough text, while placing as many corresponding images as possible.

To allow for easy reading and referencing, the text is in a bullet format and whenever possible a table format. The high yield material is either underlined in the bulleted text or highlighted in bold in the table format. I have tried to minimize any unnecessary text in order to maximize the number and variety of images in the book. The representative photographs were carefully chosen to be high-quality, to closely parallel the representing skin disorder, and to reinforce the accompanying text. I have not included any review questions in this book as numerous study questions are already available through the Dermatology In-Review website (dermatologyinreview.com/Galderma/).

Another unique aspect of this book is the discussion of life after the dermatology board exam. Medical training, as it exists today, does not emphasize important post-residency concepts such as understanding the elements of a physician employment contract, proper coding and documentation, and choosing between the different types of malpractice insurance. Most of us have had to learn this on our own without a specific resource to guide us, which is why I have included this information in the last chapter.

Ultimately, this book is intended as a board preparatory guide for dermatologists who are preparing for initial certification or recertification. Moreover, the topics addressed in this book are highly relevant to daily practice and may serve as an excellent reference for physicians in both dermatology and primary care. In summary, it is hoped that this will fill a real need for all dermatologists (both in training and in practice) as an essential board review book and provide an indispensable resource for all physicians.

Comments from readers for any omissions or errors would be greatly appreciated.

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