
Preface

The author's ideas with respect to dermatopathology have already been presented in the Spanish edition of this book and have been translated into English for this edition.

Chapter 1 of this book covers basic concepts of cutaneous embryology, anatomy, and biochemistry. A short introduction to topics of immunology is more conveniently placed at the beginning of Chapter 6, in which the lesions of inflammatory nature are discussed.

Chapter 2 deals with the taxonomic criteria that were applied for developing the classification of cutaneous lesions used in this text.

In Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, a histopathologic analysis is conducted of the lesions of hereditary, malformative, inflammatory, proliferative, and miscellaneous nature, respectively.

Along with lesions pertaining to the most common dermatologic conditions, coverage of unusual lesions is also provided. The latter are discussed for didactic or illustrative purposes or for the sake of completion of the topics under discussion.

Throughout the text brief descriptions of the external aspects of lesions under discussion are offered. Pertinent clinical information which may yield clues leading to more precise diagnosis of the lesions is also provided when warranted.

The reader's efforts are further supported with abundant tabulated material, along with drawings and photomicrographs of mainly hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stained sections. This book endorses the use of the H&E staining technique, often maligned but irreplaceable as a standard procedure in a diagnostic histopathology laboratory. The original magnification (o m) of the photomicrographs is stated in each case.

Ancillary tests that may help in the diagnosis of certain lesions are also mentioned, although in-depth technical detail on these techniques is not provided. These may be found by the interested reader within a list of pertinent references located at the end of the book.

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