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## Preface

In the past, the majority of patients seen in the United States and Europe were fair-skinned individuals; up to the 1970s and the early 1980s, most of the published studies in dermatology were done in this population. With globalization of the economy and the advance of convenient international travel, the proportion of people of color (POC) in North America and Europe are rapidly increasing. Based on the latest (2010) US Census data, it has been estimated that by July, 2013, 63% of the US population would be non-Hispanic whites, while the rest would be POC, including Hispanic whites (1). The need for an increased understanding of skin conditions in POC is reflected by the formation of the Skin of Color Society by Susan Taylor, MD, in 2004, the establishment of centers in several academic institutions focusing on POC, and the publication of several general dermatology textbooks and atlases on this topic. This demographic shift is most notably seen in the number of skin of color-related sessions at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Dermatology: in 1995, there were 3 sessions; in 2005, 5 sessions; and in 2015, 21 sessions.

Pediatric dermatology is an established subspecialty in dermatology. The 13th World Congress of Pediatric Dermatology, currently being held every 4 years, is scheduled for 2017. There are pediatric dermatology societies worldwide. In the United States, there are 31 pediatric dermatology fellowship programs approved by the American Board of Dermatology (ABD), leading to subspecialty certification of the graduates by the ABD.

Drs. Tay, Durán-McKinster and Silverberg are to be congratulated for editing this first textbook on skin of color in the pediatric patient population; they are eminently qualified to do so. Dr. Tay practices in Changi General Hospital in Singapore, a city-state that is known for its multicultural and multi-ethnic population. Dr. Durán-McKinster practices in Mexico City, a city whose inhabitants have a wide range of skin phototypes. Dr. Silverberg practices in New York City, and is affiliated with the first Skin of Color Center in the United States. They have organized an international group of authors to cover all aspects of pediatric dermatology.

This textbook would certainly appeal to a worldwide readership of dermatologists, pediatric dermatologists and pediatricians. It will be a frequently used reference in the daily practice of all of us.

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