Preface

Despite being the most common form of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, mycosis fungoides (MF) is a rare disease. Rare case presentation has limited research and the clinical knowledge of physicians. Furthermore, vague dermatologic symptoms have led to frequent misdiagnosis and ill management.

The goal of this book is to provide a comprehensive text that will enable the practicing physician to diagnose and stage MF as a cutaneous T-cell lymphoma upon presentation, and subsequently serve as a guide for proper treatment methods.

Written for dermatologists, oncologists, hematologists, internists, and family physicians, this book is divided into four parts: Overview of Disorder, Research Study, Case Reports, and Clinical Case Photos. Chapters in Part I include Introduction and History, Epidemiology, Etiology, Diagnosis and Management, Staging, Treatment, and Variants of Mycosis Fungoides. Each chapter is designed to provide insight and reference for clinicians with the addition of dozens of high-quality photographs from ten individual patients, illustrations, and clinical tables.

While the presentation of MF cases is uncommon, the disease's rarity has limited clinician knowledge of the disease. In order to adequately serve current patients and manage inevitable future patients with MF, *Clinician's Guide to Mycosis Fungoides* is the only book available that serves specifically as a comprehensive guide for physicians.

This book is a part of Clinician's Guide Series published by International Springer Publication. The Clinician's Guide Series focuses on various diseases with a high rate of misdiagnosis in order to provide the most comprehensive reference material for physicians, nurses, clinicians and students who are studying in medical and clinical fields. The intention of this series is to shed light on the research on the misdiagnosis of these diseases and the difficulties experienced in accurately diagnosing them.

A delay in accurate diagnosis and treatment has the potential to yield a less desirable case outcome for both the patients and the healthcare professionals who care for them. However, investing in this research is a milestone for fundamental changes in medicine and innovative decision making which could ameliorate or save the lives of countless patients.

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