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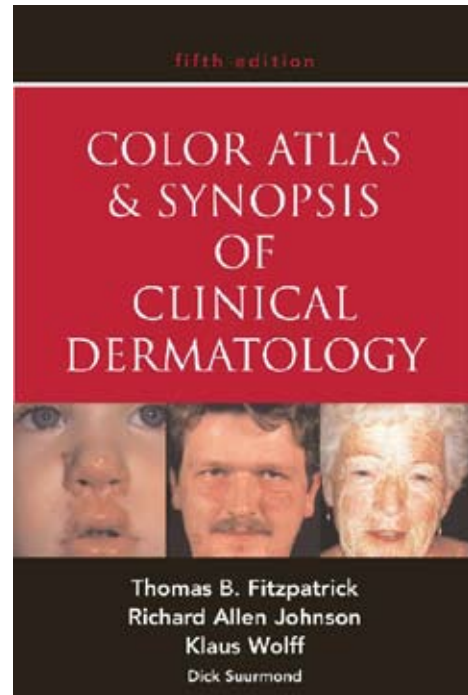
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This is the fifth edition of Fitzpatrick's Color Atlas & Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology, and the first one not edited by Professor Thomas B. Fitzpatrick; however, current editors have dedicated it to the memory of this internationally recognized dermatologist/venereologist, and at the same time to the memory of his beloved wife Beatrice who was a pivotal figure in Fitzpatrick's life. On August 16, 2003, Thomas B. Fitzpatrick succumbed to a disease he had fought patiently and courageously. The name of Thomas B. Fitzpatrick is associated with many milestones, e.g., melanosome and tyrosinase, the epidermal melanin unit, skin phototypes, PUVA photochemotherapy, sun protection, vitiligo, and many others; the landmark books, Fitzpatrick's Dermatology in General Medicine and this Color Atlas and Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology, are milestones by themselves. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick has become an icon in dermatology not only in the United States but also all over the world. He was not only a great scientist but also a brilliant clinical dermatologist and warm-hearted and compassionate physician and teacher.

The first edition of this book appeared 23 years ago (1983) and has been expanded with the major developments that have occurred in dermatology over the past two decades. The book has been used by thousands primary care physicians, dermatologists, internists, and other health care providers, principally because it facilitates dermatologic diagnosis by providing large color photographs of skin lesions and juxtaposes succinct summary outlines of skin disorders as well as skin signs of systemic diseases. The fifth edition has



been extensively revised and in more than 50% rewritten with 857 photographs, updating and expanding the text related to the management of skin diseases. This excellent book is intended for all physicians and other health care providers including medical students, dermatology residents, internists, oncologists, and infectious diseases specialists dealing with diseases with skin manifestations.

The Introduction offers fundamentals of dermatologic propedeutics with a brief description of skin lesions, which is best illustrated by the subtitle, Skin: Learning to Read. The Atlas consists of four parts, subdivided into 33 sections and three short appendices. Each section has a color label that is reflected by the bar on the top of each page, to help the reader find his/her bar rapidly. Also, the first page of each section carries a small photograph of the condition that is representative of the section.

In the first part of the Atlas, disorders presenting in the skin and mucous membranes are described. Diseases of sebaceous and apocrine glands, a group of diseases commonly termed eczema/dermatitis, psoriasis, ichthyoses, bullous dermatoses,

inflammatory skin diseases, benign neoplasms and hyperplasias, photosensitivity, photo-induced disorders and disorders caused by ionizing radiation, precancerous lesions and cutaneous carcinomas, melanoma precursors, primary cutaneous melanoma and pigmentary disorders are described. In the second part, dermatologic diseases associated with various internal organ diseases, lymphoma and sarcoma, and skin symptoms of systemic carcinoma are presented. Third part of the Atlas is dedicated to diseases caused by microbial agents, describing sexually transmitted infections as well as mucocutaneous manifestations of human immunodeficiency virus diseases. The fourth part of the Atlas deals with skin signs of hair, nail and mucosal disorders. The appendices bring an

account of dermatologic problems connected with "travel" dermatology and dermatologic manifestations of diseases inflicted by biologic warfare/bioterrorism and chemical bioterrorism. Descriptions of particular dermatoses are brief, concise and precise, free from any redundancy. This book is read with pleasure even after years of professional practice. For residents in dermatology, it should be a daily reading, highly useful and helpful, and it should definitely find place in the book collection of every dermatologist, dermatologist-to-be, and every physician encountering dermatologic issues in his/her daily routine.

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