

Book Review

Recent advances in dermatology

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Any book on recent advances should give new insights into the etiology of a disease or acquaint us with new diagnostic tools or methods of management. Measured by these criteria, this volume passes the muster. It is indeed useful to a busy practicing dermatologist and to a post-graduate student.

However, as with any multi-author book, some chapters are much better written than others. There is comparatively little discussion on the treatment of cutaneous tuberculosis. In the chapter on leukocytoclastic vasculitis, only one paragraph is devoted to the treatment. The chapter, "Emergencies in pediatric dermatology" includes too many entities

in a few pages and gives the clinical description of each, while only briefly discussing their management. The treatment of pemphigus in children lists methotrexate, cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, gold and cyclosporine in one sentence. Advice to use talc and hydrocolloid dressings for pemphigus is debatable. Oral ketoconazole, advised for treating neonatal candidiasis, has been largely supplanted by the newer triazoles because of the fear of hepatotoxicity of ketoconazole. The chapter of STDs would have benefited by a section dealing with the modified clinical manifestations of STDs associated with HIV infection.

I congratulate the editor and his colleagues for this publication and hope that they will bring out many more updates like the present one to give us glimpses of the expanding frontiers of dermatology.

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News and Announcements

The Biennial Conference of the Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India – **SKIN EDGE 2004** is being held in **Pune** from **27th to 28th November 2004**. The theme of the Conference is **Facial Rejuvenation**. Eminent national and international faculty have consented to address the Conference.

Conference Venue: Yeshwantrao Chavan Natyagruha, Kothrud, Pune.

Last date for submission of abstracts: 15th July 2004

A pre-Conference Workshop on Basic Techniques in Dermatosurgery shall be held on 26th November 2004. For details please contact:

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