

BOOK REVIEWS

Thérapeutique dermatologique by Luis Dubertret et al. 1289 pages. ISBN 257-15559-9. Hardcover. Médecine-Sciences Flammarion, 2001.

This book is written in the French language by 330 dermatologists, mainly from France. On the first 886 pages the skin disorders are described in alphabetical order. For each of them there is a general description of the background, the patients' problems with the disease, recommended information to the patients and strategies for its treatment. Most disorders are illustrated with excellent pictures in colour and have between 6 and 20 recent references. The last 400 pages describe the therapeutics (in alphabetical order), including the pharmacology, indications, contraindications, interactions and side effects. Surgical dermatological techniques are also included and well illustrated.

This is a most useful book to have in the office to update oneself and the patient about the best help available today. It contains an immense amount of information, which is easy to find since the book has a good index. The names of the disorders and the treatments are usually easy to understand even by doctors with a limited knowledge of French. Reading the book is also a good way to improve one's French.

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