

BOOK REVIEWS

Transplantation Dermatology. Current Problems in Dermatology Vol. 43 by P Häusermann, J Steiger, J Passweg. 202 pages, 41 figs. ISBN: 978-3-8055-2. Basel, Karger, 2012.

The field of solid organ and haematopoietic stem cell transplantation is rapidly increasing and as a consequence, numerous immunosuppressed patients have to be taken care of. Dermatologists play an important role in the management and overall care of these patients.

Few books cover the topic and this one adds updated information and help to all physicians involved. It presents theoretical as well as practical aspects on solid organ transplantation and haematopoietic stem cell transplantation from the perspective of a dermatologist. It gives an overview of skin cancer, infections, dermatopathology, immunosuppressive drugs and drug change strategies. Pre- and post-transplant management recommendations, preventive strategies and photo protection are also presented. Complications following haematopoietic stem cell transplantation such as acute and chronic skin graft versus host disease are topics covered and the practical considerations and managements presented is valuable information to clinicians. This book is for those with in-depth interest in transplantation and is a good contribution to the field.

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