

## BOOK REVIEWS

***Pediatric Dermatology, An Issue of Pediatric Clinics* by Kara N. Shah. Price: 84.75 Euro. ISBN: 9780323294805. Elsevier Health Sciences, 2014**

In “Pediatric Clinics of North America” 21 authors focus on 13 different topics of paediatric dermatology. These include common and important disorders: atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, melanoma, nail disorders, morphea/lichen sclerosus et atrophicus, vasculitis, vitiligo, diaper dermatitis, haemangiomas, drug reactions, alopecia, fungal infections and bacterial infections caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

All of the chapters are constructed in a similar way with keywords and key points at the beginning of the chapters, followed by data on epidemiology, pathophysiology, prognosis, clinical features including complications, differential diagnoses, diagnostic recommendations, and therapeutic recommendations.

I think the book will be particularly helpful in the daily practice of paediatric dermatologists. Especially the figures including colour photos and tables/boxes accompanying the text are of great help. In addition recommendations for diagnostic and therapeutic management give the primary care provider more confidence in the daily care of children with skin disorders. However, you will also find study results, for example regarding the need for antimicrobials in uncomplicated skin and skin structure infections seen in chapter “Cutaneous bacterial infections caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Streptococcal pyogenes* in infants and children”.

Overall, this is an excellent, well-written and well-referenced textbook, which can be recommended to physicians, especially to paediatric residents and primary care providers.

It is clearly worth the price.

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