

BOOK REVIEWS

Photodermatology, An Issue of Dermatologic Clinics,
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Dr Henry W. Lim, a well-known photodermatologist, has edited this book together with assistant editor Dr So Yeon Paek and consulting editor Dr Bruce H. Thiers. Another 38 clinicians and scientists from all over the world have contributed with their expertise. The book consists of 16 chapters and covers most of the photodermatology field; from basic knowledge in photobiology and photoimmunology to clinical disease, therapy and photoprotection.

The index is detailed and comprehensive and the chapters are well structured. The synopsis of the chapters in the content list and the key points and summaries in most chapters are helpful and facilitate the reading.

The important chapter on photocarcinogenesis is well written but would have benefitted from clinical pictures of the different forms of UV-induced cancer. A review of the hot topic of vitamin D and the sun is missing, but short paragraphs are included in some of the basic and clinical chapters. The relatively new and quickly developing photodynamic therapy that is used in the treatment of some non-melanoma skin cancers and their precursor lesions has got its own chapter. Overlapping between the chapters, mostly regarding basal facts, could however have been less frequent.

On the whole, the book is very informative and nice to read. It is highly recommended to both clinicians and researchers who are interested in the field of photodermatology.

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