
Book review

Z. Vlašin, H. Jedličková and colleagues. Practical Dermatology through images and schemes (Praktická dermatologie v obrazech a schemech)

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The materials are systematized according to an original principle into 10 chapters 251 pages and 981 color images of very good quality (are the main part).

Chapter 1. *Diagnostic principles*. The history (anamnesis) and morphology are explained in an instructive and systematic way including 56 images.

Chapter 2. *Regional manifestations*. The localized manifestations are explained with 210 images.

Chapter 3. *Symptoms as diagnostic aid*. The idea of conceiving this chapter it is rather original and instructive; 63 images.

Chapter 4. *Dermatoses characterized by an unfavorable outcome*, includes severe dermatological conditions. It will be of help also to doctors who are not dermatologically educated, 204 images.

Chapter 5. *Common dermatoses*, 258 images.

Chapter 6. *Dermatologic manifestations in systemic disorders*, are described by presenting the up to date criteria; 90 instructive images.

Chapter 7. *Practical hints* (main mistakes). One can say that, similarly as it was mentioned for chapter 5, even

dermatologically not trained physicians may profit from it. As an example deterioration of psoriasis after the intake of beta blockers, antimalarics and lithium salts may be cited; 30 images.

Chapter 8. *Essentials of venereal diseases*, 42 images together with a number of instructive tables are helpful especially to students to understand the problems.

Chapter 9. *Imported dermatoses*: leishmaniasis, lepra and larva migrans are described; 26 images.

Chapter 10. *Essentials on treatment*. In this chapter the basic principles of treatment are explained, the accompanying tables are helpful.

In conclusion it can be said that the images accompanied by the short texts the are helpful indeed to residents in order to learn the essentials of clinical dermatology. The adopted didactic principles will be interesting to students, general practitioners and to other, dermatologically not trained physicians. It is evident that the book is the result of a many year-long elaborate team work. A wider audience of readers would benefit from an English translation.

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