BOOK REVIEW


In recent years, lasers have revolutionized the treatment of some dermatological conditions, e.g. naevus flammeus. The author of this book explains the physical properties of laser radiation in an elegant and easy to understand way. There is even a chapter dealing with the safe use of lasers, which is an important aspect of their everyday use.

The chapter entitled “Laser treatment of cutaneous vascular lesions” gives “hands-on” recommendations. However, a table demonstrating suitable energy levels would have been of value.

The chapter dealing with carbon dioxide and erbium:YAG lasers is well written and up to date, and includes resurfacing. This has become a major field in laser dermatology, especially in the US. Unfortunately, some of the photographs taken before and after treatment do not have the same exposure settings and this therefore makes it difficult to evaluate the effect of treatment.

Recently, lasers have been used for hair removal and the book gives a thorough description of this procedure. The section dealing with photodynamic therapy is too short and should either have been extended or omitted. The book is often rather text-heavy and there is a relative lack of tables which makes it quite difficult to read in places. In summary though, this book is valuable for dermatologists using lasers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The XVIII Congress of the Italian Society of Andrology will be held in Venice, Italy, on December 5–8 2001. For further information, please contact the Italian Society of Andrology, via Bellotti Bon 10, 00197 Rome, Italy. Tel/fax: +39-06 8069 1301. E-mail: siandrologia@it.

British Epidermo-Epidemiology Society (BEES) Annual Course: Getting to Grips with Evidence-Based Dermatology will be held in Nottingham, UK on January 30–February 1, 2002. Inf: Trent Institute for Health Services Research, B Floor, Medical School, Queen’s Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UH, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 115 9709765. Fax: +44 115 9709766. joanne.elliott@nottingham.ac.uk.

Annual Meeting: British Society for Investigative Dermatology in Norwich, UK on March 25–27, 2002. Inf: Prof NJ Reynolds, University Department of Dermatology, Medical School, Framlington Place, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4HH, UK. Tel: +44 191 22271107 or 2228936. Fax: +44 191 222 7094. bsid@ncl.ac.uk.


20th World Congress of Dermatology in Paris, France on July 1–5, 2002. Inf: Congress Secretariat, 12, rue de la Croix Faubin- FR-75557 Paris Cedex 11, France. Tel +33-1 4464 1515, Fax: +33-1 4464 1516. p.fournier@colloquium.fr.

10th International Conference on Behcet's Disease in Berlin, Germany on June 27–29 2002. Inf: Prof. DR. CH. C. Zouboulis, Department of Dermatology, University Medical Center Benjamin Franklin, The Free University of Berlin, Fabeckstrasse 60-62, 14195 Berlin, Germany. Tel: +49-30 8445 6911/6910, Fax: +49-30 8445 6908, e-mail: zubbere@zedat.fu-berlin.de.

The 1st Joint Meeting, 14th International Congress for Bioengineering and the Skin and 8th Congress of the International Society for Skin Imaging on May 21–24, 2003 in Hamburg, Germany. Inf: AKM Congress Service GmbH, Hauptstraße 18, D-79576 Weil an Rhein, Germany. Tel +49 76 219833-0. Fax: +49 76 217871-4. akmweil@akmcongress.com.

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