BOOK REVIEWS


I am familiar with the previous editions of this textbook, which is an excellent companion for everyday clinical practice in paediatric dermatology in newborns and infants. This third edition, compiled by editors Lawrence F. Eichenfield and Ilona J. Frieden and associate editors Andrea Zaenglein and Erin Mathes, has undergone some improvements. The title has changed from “Neonatal Dermatology” to “Neonatal and Infant Dermatology”, to explain the addition of new chapters and augmentation of previous chapters. Furthermore, there has been an excellent updating of the older chapters. Sixty-three authors have contributed their expertise to 32 chapters, which are easy to navigate using colour markings at the tops of the pages. The text is well written and enhanced by more than 600 excellent photographs and over 90 tables and boxes, which are clearly marked in the text and easy to read.

Subjects covered include foetal skin development, structure and function of skin (term and premature infants), diagnostic and therapeutic management, and common and rare conditions. In the different chapters the conditions are set out in a similar way: introduction, cutaneous findings, extracutaneous findings, aetiology and pathogenesis, differential diagnoses, prognosis, treatment.

The textbook is useful in my own clinical daily practice in paediatric dermatology in very young children. I make good use of the online version as well as the hardback book. It is unfortunate, however, that some references, tables, and photographs are not included in the hardback version; the book would be more useful if it was complete.

Overall, this is an excellent, well-written and well-referenced textbook, which can be recommended to dermatologists, paediatricians and neonatologists who care for neonates and infants with skin diseases. It is clearly worth the price of 213 Euros.

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