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Andrews’ Diseases of the Skin—or simply Andrews, as
most North American dermatologists and dermatologists-
in-training refer to it—has always been intended to be a
mid-sized book, one comprising no more than a 1000
pages, although a few editions have bulged over the limit.
Past editors—including such distinguished practitioners
as Anthony Domonkos, Harry Arnold, Richard Odom,
and Timothy Berger—revised the book in its various edi-
tions, ensuring that it would be the most up-to-date
source “for practitioners and students.”
The current editors, each a renowned clinician in his
own right, have made this textbook even more valuable.
Color illustrations are now included throughout, replac-
ing all of the black-and-white photographs worthy
of note in the first edition. The text has been thoroughly
revised, and the references, uniform in style, are current
and on target. Among other positive factors, the 11th
edition has a typface and font size that any reader
will be able to enjoy. There may be a temptation in revis-
ting a text to be lenient with some descriptions or treat-
ments once in the mainstream and now considered
quant, but the current editors have been rigorous in
bringing all aspects of the book up to a contemporary
standard.

Common dermatologic entities are treated with as
much concise detail as the more esoteric. For example,
acone is succinctly described: “Acne vulgaris is a chronic
inflammatory disease of the pilosebaceous follicles,
characterized by comedones, papules, pustules, nodules,
and often scars. The comedo is the primary lesion of
acne...” (p 228).

Topical treatments discussed include retinoids,
salicylc acid, azelaic acid, benzyl peroxide, and other
keratolytics, each presented in a straightforward manner
so the clinician can readily select an appropriate
modality. Unusual conditions that few readers might
recognize or even recall, eg, Lafaure disease, are pre-
sented with information and sources sufficient for further
investigation, should this be needed. Lafaure disease,
an autosomal-recessive entity, concerns epilepsy, both
myoclonic and tonic-clonic. The cutaneous findings
are rarely noted but include “papulonodular lesions
on the ears and indurated, thickened plaques on the
arms” (p 335).

Contributor Isaac Neuhaut has been charged with
making the surgical chapters relevant. Whether the entry
is about the use of antimicrobials as prophylaxis for cuta-
naceous surgery, the selection of patients for Mohs micro-
graphic surgery, or the appropriate use of lasers in
dermatologic practice, the reader will find focused and
succinct presentations.

The book also discusses cosmetic dermatology. The
reader will not necessarily be able to perform these
procedures from the presentations, but the information
provided is sufficient for the practitioner to understand
what is involved.

For readers who want additional images and the luxury
of Internet access, an online version is available. Readers
learn from the preface to Andrews’ Diseases of the Skin
that the book is globally recognized as the leading mid-sized
textbook in dermatology, as evidenced by the thousands of cop-
ies ordered from outside of the United States by Brazilian
and Chinese clinicians. Dermatologists and other physi-
cians with an interest in dermatology will benefit, as will
their patients, by having a copy of this book available for
ready reference.

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