BOOK REVIEW

Dermatology for Skin of Color, edited by A. Paul Kelly and Susan C. Taylor, 746 pp, \$169, New York, NY, McGraw-Hill (telephone: 800-722-4726), 2009, ISBN 978-0-07-144671-6

Type and Scope of Book: A multiauthored, comprehensive textbook and color photographic atlas of dermatologic diseases that manifest in patients with skin of color.

Contents: This textbook provides information (eg, pathogenesis, clinical presentation, treatment) on the full spectrum of dermatologic diseases encountered in patients with skin of color, including sections on inflammatory disorders, skin cancer, mucosal disorders, infections, pigmentary disorders, cosmetic dermatology, and conditions that affect the hair and nails. Common skin diseases in patients from Africa, Asia, and Latin America are also reviewed. The textbook contains an abundance of color photographs, including an atlas for skin of color of diseases in international patients. An understanding of the cultural habits, practices, and beliefs of the diverse ethnic groups presented in the book is provided.

Strengths: The well-organized book is replete with clinical images and addresses the unique medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology issues that occur in skin of color. Important cultural considerations in providing optimal care to patients with skin of color are discussed.

Deficiencies: Although the book contains a chapter on pediatric dermatology, in general the clinical focus of the book is geared toward adult patients.

Recommended Readership: Dermatologists, dermatology residents, medical students, internists, and general practitioners who care for patients with skin of color.

Overall Grading: ★★★★★

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Grading Key

★★★★★ = *outstanding*; ★★★★ = *excellent*; ★★★ = *good*; ★★ = *fair*; ★ = *poor*.