A Comparative Clinical Evaluation of Trimethylpsoralen, Psoralen and 8 Methoxypsoralen in Treating Vitiligo, Sehgal V.N., Int J Dermatol, 14:205, 1975

Trimethylpsoralen, psoralen and 8-methoxypsoralen were administered in 10mg dosage orally to 37, 29 and 23 patients with Vitiligo. Complete improvement was recorded in 59.5%. The overall results produced by trimethylpsoralen and psoralen were superior to those of 8-methoxypsoralen. There was no significant therapeutic difference noticed with regard to age, sex, duration and type of vitiligo.

Evaluation of Cryo-Stimulation Test for the Diagnosis of Cold Urticaria, Pasricha J.S. and Nayyar K.C., Annals Allergy, 35: 382, 1975.

A Cryo-stimulation test performed on 300 allergic and non-allergic individuals showed that this test is positive in most of the cold urticaria patients but negative in patients having other allergic or non-allergic disorders. The chief causes of false positive reactions were a state of atopy and dermographism.

Treatment of Pemphigus with Cyclophosphamide, Pasricha J.S., Sood V. D. and Minocha Y., Brit J Dermatol, 93: 573, 1975.

Cyclophosphamide was ineffective in controlling acute disease activity in nine of eleven pemphigus patients, but when given during the remission phase even 50 mg cyclophosphamide per day was sufficient to prevent subsequent relapses in all the patients for quite long periods of follow-up. This small dose of cyclophosphamide could be given to outpatients and there were no side effects.

## BOOK REVIEW

Skin Diseases-Teaching Aids, P.N. Behl, Skin Institute, 5-A, Mathura Road, Jangpura, New Delhi. (pp 96)

The growth in the knowledge of skin diseases since the last 15 years has left paramedical personnel, rural physicians and others in the field, handicapped by the absence of a good Indian Book in Dermatology.

Prof. P.N. Behl, F.R.C.P. (Edin), F.C.A.S., has remedied this defect in his "Short Book on Skin Diseases" of 96 pages. Several common diseases met within Dermatolagical practice have been described and illustrated well. The chapters are easily understandable even by lay people and written in good English. The management of common skin diseases has been well described. The Book is well produced and the publishers have taken good care. The book can be priced and made available to all people. This book is highly recommended for all those people who teach the paramedical people and the rural practitioners. It can also be purchased by Institutional and Departmental Libraries.

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  - R. A. in Dermatologic Mycology
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  - R. A. in Dermatologic Oncology
  - R. A. in Pigment Disorders
  - R. A. in Drug Eruptions
  - R. A. in Virus Diseases of the Skin
  - R. A. in Contact Dermatitis
  - R. A. in Genodermatoses
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  - R. A. in Leprosy
  - R. A. in Photodermatoses
  - R. A. in Porphyria
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