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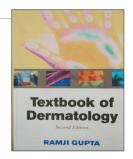
Text Book of Dermatology

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This is another excellent textbook aimed at under-graduate medical students and general practitioners. This book has 24 chapters spread over 194 pages and a useful index. There are 172 excellent color photographs, taken by the author himself. The book covers everything the undergraduate student needs from structure of skin to clinical dermatology, leprosy, STDs and HIV disease. The language is simple and the presentation is easy to follow and remember. The letter size is medium, yet the book is concise. The whole book is printed on glossy paper.

The author has spread the chapters based on the etiology of disorders. Disorders he thought were controversial in etiology (like pityriasis Alba) and those with multi-factorial



etiology (like psoriasis) have been put in a separate section titled "Miscellaneous". Surprisingly there are no tables in this textbook. A chapter on investigations and another on therapy would be welcome, perhaps in a future edition. Some topics like pregnancy rashes are very essential for the general practitioner, but are omitted in the present work. A few typographical errors are present here and there.

The real strength of the textbook is its readability. The knowledge presented is up-to-date and practical. It is a recommended buy for every under-graduate student and general practitioner.

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