

Book Review

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Colour Atlas and Synopsis of Paediatric Dermatology

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Being a visual specialty, a dermatological atlas plays a special role in learning dermatology. From an Asian perspective, most currently available atlases show fair skinned Caucasian patients and do not adequately address issues of coloured skinned individuals. Hence there are limitations in the usefulness of these books to us dealing mainly with skin types III, IV and V.

This book covers many of the common conditions in paediatric dermatology. In addition to pictures the author has included a brief description of the condition and its treatment which is particularly useful when the book is used as a quick reference. Most of the photographs are of excellent picture quality, although there is some repetition of pictures. It is a hard cover book of an easily handleable size. However, it covers only the basic and common paediatric dermatological conditions and is not meant to be an all inclusive text. The interesting quotes featured on every page add some lightness to the reading of the book.

In conclusion this atlas is a definite must for those needing a basic atlas of dermatological conditions particularly in the paediatric age group, including undergraduates, postgraduates in paediatrics, general practitioners and those aspiring to take up dermatology as a future career.