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Preface

This book is written for clinical dermatologists, emergency and family physicians, dermatology residents, medical students, and non-physician scientists.

For clinical dermatologists, this book provides concise yet substantial guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of a range of blistering skin diseases to facilitate the daily care of their patients. The completely up-to-date clinical and laboratory information will allow clinicians to assess the state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic options, and can be used as a resource for continuing medical education. For emergency and family physicians, this book offers a succinct clinical description of different types of blistering diseases and their relative urgency, so that the patients they encounter can be properly treated or referred to appropriate specialists.

For dermatology residents, this book provides a solid foundation for exploring the various aspects of

blistering skin diseases, including clinical features, differential diagnoses, laboratory findings, and therapeutic strategy. The sections on pathogenesis will enhance the residents' understanding of molecular events underlying the blistering disease process and assist their preparation for the Dermatology Board examinations.

For medical students, this book opens a window onto the intriguing world of skin diseases that manifest as blisters. It is designed to excite and encourage them to pursue a career in dermatology, or perhaps even a career in academic dermatology.

For non-physician scientists, this book bridges the gap between the clinical and basic sciences regarding the pathomechanism of the skin-blistering process. It will hopefully stimulate their interests in the investigation of skin diseases.

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