

Preface

We are pleased to present this book entitled “*Clinical and Pathological Aspects of Skin Diseases in Endocrine, Metabolic, Nutritional, and Deposition Disease*” as a labor of love. Dr. Rongioletti has been studying, diagnosing, treating, and researching cutaneous mucinoses and deposition disorders for years and this work represents his dream of consolidating his amassed experiences into a concise atlas and text for the practicing dermatologist, pathologist, dermatopathologist, endocrinologist, and internist. Dr. Smoller has also been actively interested in cutaneous pathology as a window for systemic diseases and has written extensively on this topic. These editors have assembled a distinguished group of scholars to share their collective expertise regarding these entities. It is the hope of the authors that each chapter will provide insights into the clinical appearance and course of the diseases presented, followed by a review of pathogenesis for each disease, and a close inspection of histopathologic changes and any accompanying special studies that might be required to establish a diagnosis. Subsequent discussions address therapeutic options. For each chapter, key points are highlighted with bullet points to summarize the major features. Clinical photographs and photomicrographs have been included as rapid references for the busy clinician or as study aids for the student of most of the discussed cutaneous diseases.

Although we have tried to minimize repetition, some duplication of some diseases is present among the various chapters and reflects the overlapping features of the endocrine and metabolic pathways, in addition to the different perspectives on a disease process. Sometimes, repetition is the mother of the studies (in Latin *repetita iuvant*).

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