Preface

In this volume, the authors hope to share their passion for the teaching of dermatopathology with a wide range of students. The idea for the project was initiated by a group of dermatology residents trained during the past 20 years. As part of a dermatopathology curriculum within the Dermatology and Pathology departments, Drs. Smoller and Hiatt have developed a series of didactic lectures covering much of the field. Annually, the residents ask for “hard copies” of the lecture notes and use these to create binders to be used for studying. At their constant urging, we decided to share these lectures in the form of a series of monographs—the first volume of which is presented here.

It is not our hope to cover every subtlety in the diagnosis and pathogenesis for every dermatologic diagnosis, but rather to present a framework upon which to base the classification and diagnoses. Within each chapter, a series of related diseases are presented, outlining the major clinical and histologic features and, when appropriate, addressing ancillary techniques. For each entity discussed, we have attempted to provide photographic images to demonstrate the features outlined. Certainly, the goal of this set of volumes is not to supplant, but rather to supplement standard comprehensive textbooks of dermatopathology, by providing a simple infrastructure that will facilitate the learning of myriad facts about each of the entities covered. Along the same lines, there is no attempt to address every dermatologic condition, but rather to concentrate our efforts upon the most common and characteristic entities within each category of disease. It is our sincere hope that
students of dermatopathology will find the classification scheme and the bulleted outlines describing the essential diagnostic features helpful in the mastering of this complex subject.
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