

# Preface

Case-based inpatient pediatric dermatology is an approach to pediatric skin disease specific to hospitalized children. The idea for the book initially came from doing a talk on interesting inpatient dermatology cases and realizing there was no specific resource book for this niche of pediatric dermatology.

Skin problems make up to one third of patient complaints, and although dermatology is primarily an outpatient specialty, there are specific cutaneous diseases that are more commonly seen in hospitalized children.

The book is geared as a reference toward a diverse audience including hospitalists, emergency and inpatient clinicians, pediatricians, dermatologists, residents, and medical students.

The book is organized into a question-and-answer format that should make it more interactive and helpful for those that are studying for exams and to learn specific teaching pearls.

There are 14 chapters with associated images to provide you clinical examples.

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I hope that you will find this book to be a valuable resource and guide.

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