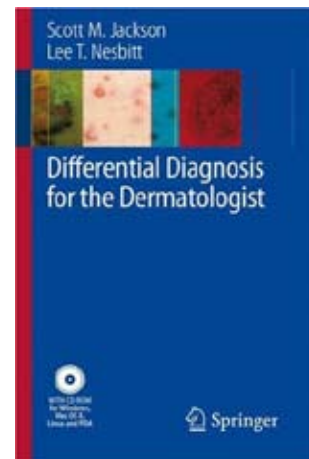


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## **Differential Diagnosis for the Dermatologist**

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This handbook originated as a small reference manual which the authors created to serve as an educational supplement for dermatology residents at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. In the preface, the authors emphasize that the establishment of a precise differential diagnosis for a given cutaneous problem is the fundamental goal that the dermatologist faces with every patient. Physicians are often required to do a time consuming search through dermatologic texts to find the information on the necessary differential diagnosis. This handbook was written to provide the reader with quick access to differential diagnosis, physical examination findings, dermatopathologic features, etc. Each entry is referenced with recent source articles. Chapter one is focused on complaints that patients make and which cannot be more specifically sorted as a diagnosis or physical examination finding. Examples of items included in this chapter are pruritus, hyperhidrosis and flushing. Chapter two deals with past medical history, social history and review of systemic highlights on the major diagnostic considerations that arise in patients who present with an element of



the past medical history, social history or review of systems that may or may not be relevant to the encounter. In chapter three on physical examination provides the reader with diagnostic considerations associated with a variety of regional and morphological physical exam findings. Chapters four and five are focused on biopsy and laboratory findings. Chapter six brings alphabetical list of virtually every dermatologic diagnosis. Under each heading, the reader can find a list of subtypes, differential diagnosis of the disease and any subtypes, published diagnostic criteria, associations of the disease, associated medications, and recommended initial evaluation tests.

The glossary provides the reader with brief definitions of the rare diagnoses that can be found in the list of differential diagnosis.

This handbook is very useful in training of young dermatologists and in daily practice of all dermatologists.

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