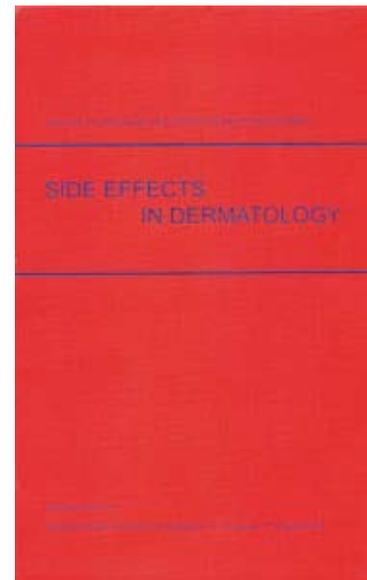


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Side Effects in Dermatology. The File of Adverse Reactions of Medicines (FARM)

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In their daily routine, dermatovenerologists frequently encounter various drug side effects. Therefore, the new edition of this small but very useful book is highly welcome. The ninth edition marks the 36th anniversary of the appearance of the book *Side Effects in Dermatology. Guide to Adverse Drug Reactions*. As new drugs appear daily on the market, so ever new drug reactions are being reported. However, the editors note that, tending to be as concise as possible, they tried to update rather than extend the references. Side effects due to local application of drugs on the skin are not included in this guide unless the side effects are systemic in nature.

A special chapter entitled *List of Cutaneous Adverse Reactions* brings numerous side effects manifesting on the skin in alphabetical order, from *acanthosis nigricans* through *xerosis*. The fourth chapter consisting of some 60 pages offers extensive list of drugs along with the most common cutaneous side effects and accompanied by respective references. Whenever possible, references are as a rule limited to one recent reference on a particular adverse reaction. A special chapter is dedicated to some clinical manifestations, i.e. *acneiform eruptions*, *alopecia*,

hypotrichosis, *hypertrichosis* and *hirsutism*. Drug induced hypersensitivity syndrome (DIHS), *eczematous* and *exanthematous* types of drug eruptions, *exfoliative dermatitis*, *fixed drug eruptions*, *granulomatous drug reactions (GDR)*, *lichenoid* and *lupus-like drug reactions* are described. There also are descriptions of *pseudolymphomas* and some forms of *lymphoma* that may develop as manifestations of hypersensitivity to some drugs. According to localization, drug side effects manifesting as *nail and oral lesions*, *photosensitivity*, *hyper- and hypopigmentation*, *psoriasis induction or exacerbation*, *purpura* and *scleroderma-like reactions*, *urticaria* and *vascular reactions* are presented. The book offers thorough descriptions of severe cutaneous adverse reactions (SCAR), i.e. *Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS)* and *toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)*. The last, sixth chapter brings 1893 references (first author, journal name, year, volume and pages).

This excellent handbook should find place in the library of every dermatovenerologist, however, it will certainly prove highly useful also to every medical practitioner.

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