Book review: Vulvology

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The university textbook “Vulvology” is an interdisciplinary work of a team of editors, a detachment of renowned experts in the field of gynaecology and dermatovenerology, published in March 2020 by the publishing house Medicinska naklada in Zagreb, specializing in the medical literature. “Vulvology” is the work of editor Joško Zekan - professor of gynaecology, academician Mirna Štitum, a specialist in dermatovenerology, university professor of gynaecology Deni Karelović and university professor of dermatovenerology Branka Marinović who with their associates created materials as a logical entity that a modern breakthrough in the Croatian scientific and professional literature.

Vaginal diseases form a large and significant but often neglected part of pathology in the daily clinical practice of many medical disciplines, and especially gynaecology and dermatovenerology. In addition to the extensive spectrum of dermatoses, most of which are chronic and which significantly reduce the quality of life of patients, the last few decades have seen an increase in the incidence of premalignant and malignant lesions of the external female genitalia in younger age groups. In diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, close cooperation of several professions is often necessary, which leads to the need to harmonize knowledge, terminology and therapeutic procedures. Therefore, a new interdisciplinary specialization - vulvology - has been formed in the scientific and professional literature. The editors, wanting to keep up with modern trends in medicine and actively participate in them, decided to offer professional readers this multidisciplinary, richly illustrated with original photo documentation, a textbook covering almost all pathological entities that appear in the external female genitalia.

34 authors participated in writing the textbook by writing 30 chapters, 221 pages of text, 29 tables and displaying 129 original photographs.

According to its structure and content, the textbook “Vulvology” is a textbook intended mainly for medical students, but also for specialists and other students in the field of biomedicine and health, which include topics from gynaecology and obstetrics, dermatovenerology, infectology, microbiology, paediatrics and pathology. In graduate school and physicians of family medicine and other specialities.

In their texts, the authors used recent literature and proven scientific and professional knowledge, but also rich personal clinical experiences, and the editors dedicatedly coordinated all texts and contributions to make uniform clinical and teaching units easy to learn.

The textbook was positively evaluated by reputable reviewers and experts in the field in which this textbook deals and these are professor Goran Grubisic, professor Josip Delmiš, professor Neira Puizina Ivč and professor Sunčanica Ljubin Sternak.

We are sure that this completely new literature in the world of medical publishing in the Republic of Croatia will be a useful read for all those who nurture an interdisciplinary and holistic approach to the patient.