Ethnic Dermatology: Principles and Practice

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DESCRIPTION

Richly pigmented skin is the most common skin type internationally

Historically, dermatology has focused on white skin. But rich pigmentation can lead to differences in presentation, disease course and outcome, and reaction to treatment. Some dermatologic conditions are seen predominantly or only in richly pigmented skin.
Ethnic Dermatology: Principles and Practice provides a practical approach to the dermatology of non-white skin. Written from a global perspective to include Asian, African-Caribbean and North African skin types, it covers all the bases of dermatology including:

- Grading scales in dermatologic disease
- Pediatric dermatology
- Dermatology and systemic disease
- Drug eruptions
- Hair and scalp disorders
- Cosmetic dermatology

With a central focus on practical action from an international cast of authors, Ethnic Dermatology: Principles and Practice gives you the clinical tools you need when skin colour matters.

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Dr. Alexis has appeared on CBS, NBC, and FOX television news programs and has been quoted in numerous publications including Allure, Ebony, The New York Sun, Forbes.com, Upscale, Heart & Soul, Vibe Vixen, Sister 2 Sister, and Happi magazine. Author of numerous dermatology publications and an investigator in many clinical studies, Dr. Alexis' areas of interest includes the management of skin and hair disorders in patients with skin of colour.
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