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Misconceptions and Myths in Dermatology: From Clinic to Clarity

Message from the Guest Editors

Dermatology, as a highly visual and descriptive specialty, has historically accumulated numerous misnomers in terminology—linguistic constructs that once served to classify diseases but now contribute to conceptual ambiguity. Yet, misconceptions and myths in dermatology extend beyond such linguistic imprecision. They may encompass inadequate patient communication, clinical misinterpretation, and outdated or erroneous approaches to the management of skin diseases, including pharmacological, physical, surgical, and cosmetic interventions, as well as scientific pitfalls. In the digital era, misinformation on social media not only perpetuates but also creates new misconceptions, shaping public perception and influencing patient behavior. Meanwhile, the uncritical adoption of artificial intelligence and machine learning introduces novel diagnostic and ethical challenges. This Special Issue brings together diverse perspectives to identify, analyze, and rectify sources of misunderstanding that obscure dermatologic science and practice. Critical reflection of these aspects may help to foster greater precision and clarity in clinical and scientific dermatology.

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