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Applications of Dermatoscopy in Skin Diseases: 2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Dermatoscopy is an auxiliary non-invasive in vivo diagnostic method complementary to clinical examination and pathology. It enables the visualization of submacroscopic structures in the skin, mucosa, and adnexa, and has been proved to have a tremendous impact on diagnostic accuracy, decision making, and disease monitoring. In recent decades, we witnessed the rapid development of devices, including the implementation of polarized light source, multispectral illumination, optical super-high magnification dermatoscopy, and finally, the use of ultraviolet diodes. Once used as a handheld device, dermatoscopes are becoming videodermatoscopes, easily attached to smartphones and cameras allowing for clinical and microscopic data storage, digital follow-up and data transfer/processing (telehealth and artificial intelligence). Even though the method was initially intended to be used in skin cancer diagnosis, its scope became very vast including non-neoplastic dermatoses, infestations and infectious diseases, abnormalities of the adnexa (hair, nails, teeth), extending to mucosal disorders, genital dermatoses, and esthetic medicine.

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