Skin Cancer Management: A Practical Approach
Synopsis

The editor of Skin Cancer Management: A Practical Approach, Dr. Deborah MacFarlane, gathers experts in selected techniques related to the assessment and management of skin cancer and has them critically review the existing literature in light of their considerable experience delivering care. The authors make recommendations for the best way to perform procedures. The tables provided in each chapter then become a manual of how to perform these procedures, and may in time be adopted by the wider universe of dermatologists as the standard of performance. The detailed descriptions of technique and treatment pearls lead the novice through the sequence of events in a way that instills confidence in their ability to safely perform the procedure. An example of the painstaking explanations is found in Chapter 5, Intralesional and Perilesional Treatment of Skin Cancers. The reader is advised to place eye protection on the patient and those performing the injection of methotrexate into a keratoacanthoma with a central crust. Rest assured that there will be a spray or stream of methotrexate emitted from the crusted area. Having eye protection will prevent methotrexate from accidentally getting into someone’s eye. Since we all learn to assimilate new information by taking action on the recommendations that we read, it would be a good idea for the physician to create, where relevant, a checklist for each procedure in the text. The checklist can be given to the office staff to set up the equipment for the procedure.

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From the reviews: “This is a nice book for dermatology residents to read as a foundation for surgical treatment of skin cancers. Color photographs nicely illustrate the various surgical flaps. The audience is dermatologists. The book delivers its punch lines without cluttering readers’ minds with the minutiae of supporting studies. there is valuable information for everyone in this reference. This is a well thought out book that should be included in the dermatology libraries of major training medical centers.” (Patricia Wong, Doody’s Review Service, May, 2010) “Experts in the field of cutaneous oncology synthesize extensive literature reviews with their own experience to provide step-by-step approaches in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of skin cancers. The primary audience for Skin Cancer Management will be dermatologists and dermatologic surgeons, any clinician who cares for patients with skin cancer will find it of great value. the book will help improve communication among a wide range of specialists as they collaborate to improve the care of patients with skin cancer.” (Christopher J. Miller and Joel M. Gelfand, Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 303 (20), 2010)

The incidence of skin cancer continues to rise, as do the challenges physicians face in treating the growing population of skin cancer patients. Skin Cancer Management: A Practical Approach addresses the spectrum of skin cancers from the precancerous to the inoperable. A wide selection of medical treatments and surgical procedures are described in detail and supplemented with an abundance of full-color figures. Numerous case studies help to illustrate the various techniques. Additional highlights of the book include: discussion of potential complications and their management in each chapter, one-of-a-kind chapters on radiologic imaging of head and neck skin cancer, management of skin cancer in skin of color, and intralesional and perilesional treatment of skin cancers, boxed insets that emphasize the most important clinical facts, authorship by the leading experts in the field. Skin Cancer Management: A Practical Approach covers the state-of-the-art in skin cancer treatment with concision and clarity. This highly informative book is a one-stop resource for the physician looking to make the best possible choices in their daily practice.

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