

Male Genital Lesions

The Urological Perspective

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Preface

Skin diseases that involve the male genitalia are fairly common and can affect patients of all ages. Yet, diagnosis and treatment can be challenging and unsatisfactory, particularly when dealing with non-venereal conditions.

In developed countries, dermatologists and genitourinary physicians are the medical specialists that usually care for these disorders, but, elsewhere, male patients complaining of genital conditions initially consult with urologists.

However, due to a number of reasons, but mostly because of a paucity of reliable, comprehensive and easily accessible source of information, non-dermatology specialists tend to overlook the genital and systemic signs and symptoms presented by these patients, potentially exposing them to the clinical consequences of suboptimal management of their conditions.

Moreover, the lack of uniformity in the categorization of these disorders sum up to the difficulties that medical practitioners face when dealing with male patients with genital skin diseases.

Male Genital Diseases: The Urological Perspective has been conceived to fill this gap. The main goal of this book is to guide both beginners and experienced medical practitioners with an interest in the subject to obtain an accurate diagnosis of the several conditions that may affect the region. Written by urologists and a dermatologist with ample and solid experience in dealing with male genital dermatoses and supported by an extensive bibliography, the majority of dermatological, urological and systemic conditions that may affect the male genitalia are discussed in a comprehensive yet concise and objective approach.

The inclusion of more than 700 high-definition figures of genital lesions, which are not easily found elsewhere, is one of the book's main values. Every disease described in this book is represented by at least one corresponding figure. Moreover, the illustrations depict not only the typical presentation of the condition, but also less known representations that medical practitioners may encounter in daily practice. A number of figures detail clinical cases, and the differential diagnosis of diseases with similar clinical manifestations is also demonstrated by illustrations. All of this is complemented by innumerable original tables and explanatory notes highlighted inside the text.

The well structured and organized chapters categorize the genital lesions as non-infectious inflammatory, infectious (including sexually transmitted diseases), benign specialized, systemic disorders affecting the genital skin,

and premalignant and malignant (the latter written by Dr. Antonio Augusto Ornellas, a reputed expert in penile cancer). The embryology and functional anatomy of the male external genitalia is also reviewed, supported by a number of highly illustrative figures to facilitate comprehension. The clinical and laboratory diagnosis of genital dermatoses is fully discussed, including important topics related to the subject, such as dermatological and sexual history, systematic cutaneous examination with an emphasis on male genitalia, and a chapter dedicated to fundamentals in dermopathology, which was written by Prof. Filomena Marino Carvalho, an experienced pathologist.

Finally, the inclusion of *buttons* in the table of contents of several chapters is a helpful feature of the book, as they highlight distinct topics according to their condition (i.e., urologic emergency, systemic disease, sexually transmitted infection, etc.) is a helpful feature of the book. The aim is to provide an easy tool that will help the reader navigate through the chapters.

The authors hope that this book will serve as a valuable resource to guide medical practitioners to an accurate diagnosis and successful treatment of the innumerable diseases that may involve the male external genitalia.

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