



Preface
Skin signs of systemic disease



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Cutaneous manifestations of internal diseases are commonly encountered in the daily practice of dermatology, and many books have been written on this subject. This collection of articles is not meant to take the place of the texts that exist, but rather to highlight material and deal with some of the subjects in much more depth than is possible in a larger format. I have assembled an “all-star” cast of authors to deal with some of these difficult subjects. Because multisystem diseases affect multiple organs, the reader will note that several of the diseases are discussed in more than one article. I have elected to leave these articles intact, rather than cross-referencing the subjects throughout this issue, because I want each article to stand on its

own. There are some disorders that are controversial and are dealt with in slightly different manners by two different authors. Again, I believe it best to leave these items as submitted by the author. It is hoped that after reading these articles, one will be better able to design a plan for evaluation and management of patients with potential “skinternal” diseases.

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