Book Review of “Dermatologic Nursing Essentials: A Core Curriculum”

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Dermatologic Nursing Essentials, third edition, edited by Noreen Heer Nicol, PhD, equips graduate nursing students with an expansive amount of detailed, clinically relevant information covering all aspects of dermatology. This is not an accident. The editor is an excellent writer who honed her skills writing over 100 scientific articles covering broad subject areas with an emphasis on her clinical areas of interest, atopic dermatitis and allergic skin disease. An excellent teacher, the Dermatology Nurses Association recently honored her with the 2017 Hall of Fame Award. Each chapter follows the same blueprint focusing on concise objectives followed by key points. This allows the student to quickly and easily find relevant information in each topic area. Information is presented via a bulleted content similar to the way a professor would present lecture information. Supplemental information is organized in the form of photographs, tables and diagrams. The photographs are especially important due to the visual nature of dermatology and the critical importance of making the correct diagnosis before engaging in treatment. The pairing of detailed pictorial representations alongside procedural instructions is invaluable to students who are learning new techniques outside of a lab environment. Patient education is a critically important task of nurses. The information patients must know is highlighted for each clinical diagnosis. Finally, each chapter contains study questions to allow the students to measure their progress in learning key information.

Dermatologic Nursing Essentials, third edition, provides a sturdy foundation for nursing students going into the field of dermatology by providing clear, concise bulleted text supported by high quality visual aids. We are pleased to give it our highest recommendation and believe this text would serve as the basis for an excellent nursing school dermatology curriculum.

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