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Rarely has a book such as "*Nail Disorders: A Comprehensive Approach*" deserved this title. Three eminent editors, Dr. Archana Singal, Dr. Shekhar Neema, and Dr. Piyush Kumar have not only written excellent chapters but have also attracted the most universal recognized onychologists in order to produce this exceptional book—a very original contribution to a rarely discussed topic. I particularly appreciate the diagnostic chapters with lab investigations, imaging in nail diseases, onychoscopy, and the compelling work on histopathology produced by one of the most talented specialists in this field. I feel truly privileged to be able to congratulate the editors and the individual contributors.

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The study of nail disorders (onychology) was in its nascent stage in India, but in less than a decade, we have witnessed a tremendous and rapidly growing interest amongst dermatologists, pathologists, and plastic surgeons alike. Nail disorders are complex and intriguing owing to the anatomically small nail unit that limits the expression of various diseases of diverse etiology. Due to their evident visibility, nails score high on aesthetic and cosmetic value. And on closer examination, the nails may act as a window into the body. Of late, there has been a steady increase in the number of patients seeking dermatological consult for nail disorders. Thus, nail disorders and their management form a significant share of a dermatologists' practice. But nails do not get due importance during a postgraduate curriculum, leaving a lot to be learned later in practice.

The aim of this book is to provide comprehensive information on medical as well the surgical aspect of nail diseases. A wide and exhaustive range of nail disorders including infective, inflammatory, traumatic, drug-induced changes; benign and malignant tumors; nails in different age groups; and nails in dermatological and systemic diseases have been covered. Dedicated chapters on newer diagnostic tools beyond histopathology, onychoscopy, and nail imaging have been included. To keep pace with the present trend and interest of the readers in cosmetology, a special section on nail cosmetics and cosmetic procedures has been included. In addition, a simple stepwise approach to diagnosis, based on the most important clinical features, examination, laboratory investigations, and treatment, is presented.

The chapters have been contributed by authors from all over the globe who are the experts in the field of onychology. Their writing comes from years of practical and academic experience in the field. Since "a picture is worth a thousand words," we have effectively conveyed the essence of this phrase by including a liberal number of quality photographs that will help our valuable readers to identify common and uncommon nail disorders. The information has been presented in a very reader friendly manner with the generous use of tabulations, graphics, and flow charts.

It has been a wholehearted and earnest endeavor on our part to present updated information in a concise manner. We are open to appreciations, suggestions, and criticism from our esteemed readers, so that we can eliminate the errors in the subsequent editions. We hope that this book will generate enough curiosity and interest in not only the dermatological but the medical fraternity and will make it to the list of "must have" manuals for all.

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