

Books concerning regional approaches to dermatological diseases always create great enthusiasm among physicians, and can be very useful resources for dermatologists. Lesions on the nose and ears are commonly observed in daily clinical practice. Thanks to their prominent location, they are noticed earlier by the patients; therefore, patients very frequently seek earlier medical attention. Diseases with different pathogenesis may occur in these regions and they sometimes require a multidisciplinary approach. Based upon these facts, I thought that a book specific to dermatological diseases of the nose and ears would be useful in the daily practice of different specialists. The story of this book started approximately 10 years ago, with my special interest in patients with pemphigus vulgaris localized to the nose. I then started to gather clinical material about the dermatological diseases of the nose. As some diseases of the external ear also have common features with the diseases of the nose, I also collected material about the dermatological diseases of the ear. In the end I decided to share my experience with my colleagues through a book. Thereafter, I collaborated with Dr. K. Didem Yazganoğlu from my department. After positive review of the first version of the book in Turkish, we decided to prepare an international edition. The interest of Springer-Verlag made this possible.

This book provides summarized information about almost all dermatological diseases that affect the nose and the ears. The text is focused on clinical features and some diagnostic clues about these diseases. The book is divided into two sections: diseases of the nose and diseases of the ears. It includes 19 chapters. The name of each chapter indicates the most common dermatological elementary lesions which will be discussed. Therefore, diseases presenting with a predominant type of elementary lesion are discussed in the related chapter. As a result, almost 600 different diseases of the skin are presented in this book. However, the information given about the diseases affecting both regions are not repeated in each section. Twenty two books and internet sources (pubmed) were accessed to optimize the topics and to select all the dermatological diseases affecting the nose and ears for this book.

Initially, physicians may observe or be concerned about a simple nose or ear lesion. After identifying the specific elementary lesion, they can more easily uncover the diagnosis of local or disseminated disease with the guidance of this book. Four hundred and twenty-eight original photographs have been used to assist the clinician for a quick diagnosis. We have included high quality images from our own files, most of them photographed by us and 28 photographs were obtained from our colleagues in other departments. This book's primary target audience are both beginners and the experts of the two disciplines – dermatology and ear-nose and throat diseases. Plastic surgeons or general practitioners who treat cutaneous diseases may also have a particular interest in this book. We hope that this book will help clinicians in diagnosing challenging cases.

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