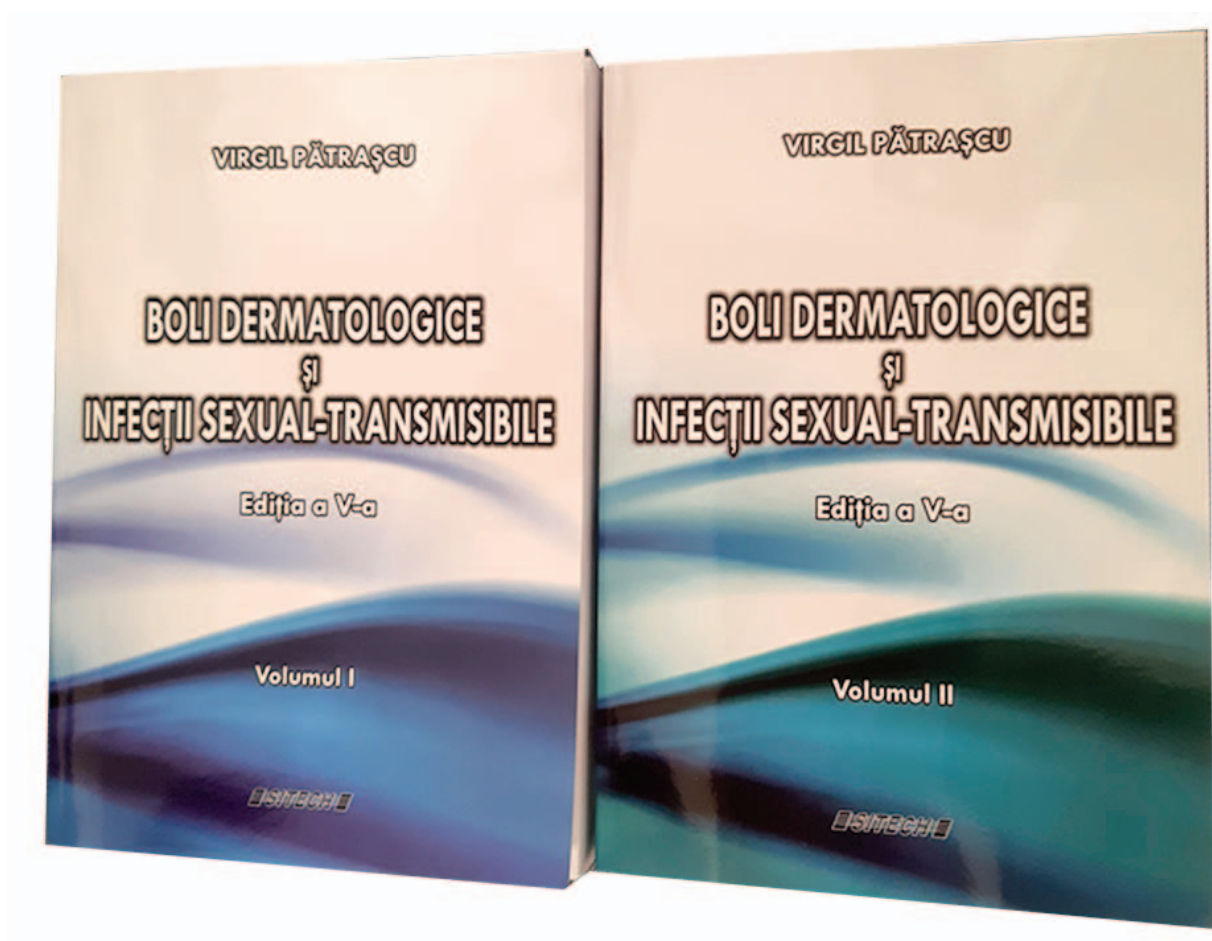


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DERMATOLOGICAL DISEASES AND SEXUALLY
TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Volume One, Volume Two



REVIEW

The fifth edition of the „**Dermatological Diseases and Sexually Transmitted Infections**” textbook, written by Prof. Virgil Pătrașcu, MD, PhD, SITECH, 2020, Craiova, is, in my honest opinion a true editorial event, as it is a very useful textbook in dermatological training.

Skin disease based morbidity and recent discoveries of the last decades in dermatology have made this specialty in the limelight of medical specialties.

Considering the modern information avalanche, it is known that medical textbooks should be periodically renewed to contain novelties regarding pathogenic mechanisms and dermatological therapy, so I welcome this work, which appears two years after the last edition.

In this 890 page two-volume book you can find fundamental and modern information regarding the main dermatological diseases.

The book is structured in 54 chapters. Every chapter is dense in scientific content and has the newest information regarding dermatological pathology, including 445 citations. Skin infections (viral, bacterial, fungal) and parasite infestations are scientifically presented in separate chapters.

Considering allergy is the main epidemic disease of the XXI century, the author presents next the conditions with imunoallergic patho-geny: urticaria, eczema, vasculitis (with an ample and modern approach!), eritema multiforme etc.

Worldwide increased drug use has caused finding more and more iatrogenic events, about of which 50% are cutaneous. This makes the „Drug induced skin reactions” chapter relevant and represents the current stage of knowledge.

Another up to date chapters are „Conjunctive tissue diseases” and „Autoimmune bullous dermatoses”, excellently presented in the 20th and 21st chapters.

In the sections regarding precancerous lesions and skin cancer, most recent information about carcinogenesis is presented and the clinical entities are described.

Without trying to mention all the chapters, I would like mention the ones referring to genodermatoses, mastocytosis, histiocytosis, and the ones rarely found in dermatology textbooks, such as „Cutaneous manifestations of diabetes mellitus” and „Physiological and pathological cutaneous changes in pregnancy”.

Considering the burden of not only disease, but also of skin aging, which patients and every one of us feel, at some point in life, I must outline the modern information found in the „Skin aging. Dermatocosmetic therapy” chapter.

The final pages contain information about sexually transmitted infections, pathology which remains to be an insue of public health.

I have noticed the relentless documentation of the author as he brings very recent data considering etiopathogenesis and treatment of skin disease, since significant progress has been made in the latest years, especially in atopic dermatitis, psoriasis and skin cancer. This addition, as well as six novel chapters considering vascular diseases and coagulation disorders have made this edition 170 pages longer and containing 104 new bibliography titles. Also, 24 images have been added, reaching 124 photos suggestive for some of the pathology approached and facilitating clinical recognition.

The author’s rich experience as specialist in dermatology, professor and Ph.D. coordinator and head of department has been the basis of the rigorously structured information.

Finally, I must remark that the author masters the art of medical writing, the style of presentation being clear and thus raising the teaching value of this book. I would like to congratulate the author and I am sure that the doctors that will go through this new edition will be delighted.

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