New Books

**Absolute Dermatology Review**
Gloster, Jr., Hugh Morris, Gebauer, Lauren E., Mistur, Rachel L.
2016, XVII, 534 p. 769 illus. in color. SPRINGER

Provides a thorough, concise review of clinical images of specific conditions included in the American Board of Dermatology recertification exam.

Each dermatologist that was board certified after 1992 is required by the American Board of Dermatology to take a recertification exam every ten years. One of the major components of the exam is to be able to identify clinical photographs of approximately 200 skin diseases, and while there are other components to the test, they vary according to subspecialty. However, everyone is required to identify the images, so several months before the exam, the American Board of Dermatology releases a list of the skin diseases that will be tested, but does not provide the images or reveal which ones will appear.

Review of Clinical Conditions for the Dermatology Recertification Examination provides a thorough, concise review of clinical images of the specific conditions that the reader will be required to recognize during the American Board of Dermatology recertification test. In addition, concise key clinical features for each image will be provided that will assist the reader in recognizing the clinical images on the examination, enabling them a more efficient way to study for the test without having to look up images online or in a large text book. Written by a board certified dermatologic surgeon who recently took the recertification exam, this book proves indispensable to dermatologists taking the exam or residents who want a quick reference of the clinical appearances of the main conditions generally encountered by a dermatologist.

**Otitis Media: State of the art concepts and treatment**
Editors: Preciado, Diego (Ed.)
2015, VIII, 140 p. 10 illus., 9 illus. in color. SPRINGER

Otitis media (OM) is the most common diagnosis at medical visits in preschool-age children, and the literature suggests that as many as 80% of children will suffer from at least one episode. Written by acknowledged experts, this is a state of the art reference on the disease and controversies in the field. Recent important advances in our understanding of predisposition to the disease and vaccine development are described and diagnostic best practices are presented. Otitis Media: State of the Art Concepts and Treatment is for any health care provider who works with children, and their ability to diagnose and appropriately manage OM is therefore an essential skill. The roles of antibiotics, tympanostomy, and surgery in the treatment of OM are carefully examined, with discussion of the impact of guidelines and future directions. Otitis Media: State of the Art Concepts and Treatment is an invaluable source of up-to-date information for all involved in research into OM and its management.

**Pulmonary Function**
Editors: Pokorski, Mieczyslaw (Ed.)
1st ed. 2015, X, 93 p. 18 illus., 1 illus. in color. SPRINGER

The book discusses new concepts and findings in the field of pulmonary function. This function is notably associated with spirometry and gas exchange at the lungs. The technique of spirometry, its clinical meaning, and reference values have all been refined over decades of its use. Although spirometry remains ancillary in diagnosis-making, it seems hardly replaceable in monitoring of lung disease progression and treatment efficacy. Pulmonary function goes far beyond spirometry. It encompasses interactions with the cardiovascular system, sleep disordered breathing, etiological factors like occupational bio aerosol exposure or cigarette smoke related issues. Pulmonary function may crumble in any respiratory ailment, the case in point being all too often respiratory tract infections. Chapters contribute to the latest thinking on molecular mechanisms underpinning pulmonary function, on patient care and attempt to keep up-to-date with current clinical and research progress. The book will be of interest to both clinicians and biomedical researchers.