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Preface

We are pleased to introduce the second edition of the *Atlas of Pediatric Dermatoscopy*, the first book entirely devoted to the use of dermatoscopy in pediatric skin conditions.

Dermatoscopy in the past decade has revolutionized the approach to pigmented lesions by improving their diagnostic accuracy. In recent years, its use has been extended to a variety of inflammatory and infectious cutaneous diseases as well as skin appendage disorders (the terms inflamoscopy, entodermoscopy, trichoscopy, and onychoscopy have been introduced to define the use of dermatoscopy in inflammatory, infectious, hair, and nail disorders, respectively). In these cases, dermatoscopy, if performed by trained physicians, may enhance the clinical diagnosis and reduce the need for semi-invasive or invasive procedures such as skin scrapings and/or biopsy.

Being noninvasive, dermatoscopy is particularly suitable for its use in pediatric patients, in which standard invasive diagnostic procedures may be difficult to carry out.

The atlas, full of clinical and dermatoscopic images, covers the most frequent pediatric skin and appendage disorders in which dermatoscopy may be useful. For each condition, a brief epidemiological and clinical overview, along with a detailed dermatoscopic description and its histopathological correlation, is presented. Compared to the first edition, the present one will contain new photos as well as new disorders.

We wish that this book will encourage dermatologists, pediatricians, and GPs to consider the use of dermatoscopy in their clinical practice. For those who are already familiar with this technique, we hope that this atlas will expand their knowledge in the field of pediatric dermatology.

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