

Cosmetic Dermatology Update, Part 2: Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery at the University of Miami

It is with great pleasure and pride that I continue to serve as the guest editor of *Cosmetic Dermatology*® for the June 2008 issue, which is dedicated to the recent efforts of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

As you may know, early on our department embraced dermatologic surgery and was the first department of dermatology in the United States to include cutaneous surgery in its name. In that tradition of furthering all aspects of dermatology, our division of cosmetic dermatology has been at the forefront of research and education in the varied aspects of this increasingly important specialty.

This June issue includes an insightful review by Mari Paz Castanedo-Tardan, MD, Sharon E. Jacob, MD, and Leslie S. Baumann, MD, of the pathophysiology and distinct clinical manifestations of contact urticaria associated with exposure to certain ingredients in cosmetics and toiletries. From the Department of Ethnic Skin Care, Heather Woolery-Lloyd, MD, and Mohamed L. Elsaie, MD, review the current advances in lasers in individuals with skin of color. Alopecia areata totalis is a therapeutic challenge, but our treatment armamentarium is furthered with a case report by Anthony P. Fernandez, MD, and myself, describing a case of successful treatment combining methotrexate and prednisone. From the department's

Wound Clinic, Zuleika L. Bonilla-Martinez, MD, and Robert S. Kirsner, MD, explain the psychological and clinical aspects of postsurgical, nonhealing skin ulcers. Also in this issue, Joely Kaufman, MD, Monica Halem, MD, and Rita Patel, BS, report on the possible role of fractional photothermolysis in the treatment of striae distensae with 2 case presentations.

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I extend thankful appreciation for this issue of *Cosmetic Dermatology* from the 16 full-time clinical and research faculty, 22 residents, 7 specialty fellows, and the more than 100 volunteer faculty members of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery at the University of Miami.

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