Dermatologic problems are ubiquitous. One of three people has a skin condition at any given time. In a recent Mayo Clinic study, dermatologic problems were the top reason for primary care visits, and 43% of patients had a skin problem within a 5-year study period.\(^1\) Between 40% and 50% of Americans who live to age 65 will have either a basal or a squamous cell carcinoma diagnosed.\(^2\) Dr Colven has done an excellent job in this issue of *Medical Clinics of North America* covering important topics in dermatology for the primary care physician. Articles to help with diagnosis of skin cancer, drug reactions, alopecia, blistering disorders, and nail disorders are helpful for the common questions we get in primary care. There is an article that reviews and guides us in approach and understanding of common dermatologic procedures. An article is devoted to inpatient consultative dermatology. The rest of the articles address dermatologic therapeutics, including an article devoted to correctly using topical dermatologic agents. I hope you enjoy this issue and find it helpful in improving the dermatologic care of your patients.

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