

## Preface

We are happy to present you with our new book *Dermatology* in the *Thieme Clinical Companions* series. A similar text has appeared in five German editions since 1987 and been highly successful. The goal of this book is to present everything one needs to diagnose and treat most cutaneous diseases in a compact, “one-stop” resource, carefully edited by three experienced dermatologists. The therapeutic options represent best practice internationally and reflect the diversified experience of three dermatologists, one of whom trained and worked in the USA for 20 years.

The contents have been extensively reviewed with the help of a number of colleagues listed on the title page. Some of them have provided additional input for the English version, including Drs. Peter von den Driesch, Bertold Rzany, Christiane Voit, and Margitta Worm. In addition, Dr. Maja Hoffmann helped with the differential diagnostic considerations in the last chapter. We would especially like to thank Dr. Gerd Wolf, who provided constructive criticism and detailed information on topical therapy.

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We hope that you will enjoy reading this *Clinical Companion* as an introduction to dermatology and, moreover, that you find it helpful, if not indispensable, in your clinical training and practice. We are eager to hear from you, with complaints, constructive suggestions, or even praise.

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