

Cosmetic Dermatology Update, Part 1: Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery at the University of Miami

It is with great pleasure and pride that I have served as the guest editor of *Cosmetic Dermatology*® for the May and June 2008 issues, which are dedicated to 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 issue includes a review of new information regarding natural compounds, including orally ingested systemic protection, for photoprotection by Martha H. Viera, MD, Sadegh Amini, MD, Ran Huo, BS, and myself.

Routinely, defects following surgical treatment of skin cancers can impact cosmesis. Keyvan Nouri, MD, Angela Martins, MD, and Voraphol Vejjabhinanta, MD, report on the successful combination of a rotation flap and high-viscosity 2-octyl cyanoacrylate for reconstruction of a facial defect following Mohs micrographic surgery.

Photodynamic therapy with aminolevulinic acid followed by illumination with a variety of light sources provides broad therapeutic results for various dermatologic conditions. Marianna L. Blyumin, MD, and Joely Kaufman, MD, review our department's use of

photodynamic therapy to treat cosmetically related skin conditions, such as actinic keratoses, actinic cheilitis, photodamage, acne vulgaris, hidradenitis suppurativa, and verruca vulgaris.

Also in this issue, Leslie Baumann, MD, and Marianna L. Blyumin, MD, provide an update on dermal filling agents and a perspective of their use at the University of Miami Cosmetic Center.

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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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