Rorschach Dermoscopy

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EDITOR’S NOTE

Farewell to skINsight

Since the first publication of skINsight in July 2003, Dr Grichnik and his assistant section editors, Drs Marghoob and Scope, have fine-tuned the submissions to this section, which has helped define many of the dermoscopic patterns. Over the years, more clinicians have become comfortable using dermoscopy because of the descriptions provided in skINsight. The editors and authors who have published original reports have helped transform the practice of dermatology by giving clinicians the guidance they need to feel comfortable incorporating dermoscopy into their evaluation of lesions.

It is time to pause to recognize this transformation as well as to surmise that most of the novel features obtained by the use of dermoscopy have been defined. It was good to begin well in 2003. It is better to end well in 2012 with the final skINsight. Farewell and thank you to all who helped make skINsight a success.

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