



Commentary: The Changing Face of Cutaneous Infections and Infestations

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The ecologic situation has changed throughout the world. How to preserve health and to restore the skin after disease is a task the worthy of the dermatologist.

Today, patients turn increasingly to their dermatologists, infectious disease specialist and primary care physicians for help because there are a variety of different infections and infestations. The knowledge of other infestations is insufficient because of the changing face of their clinical picture, pathology of the skin, inappropriate topically applied substances, and growing iatrogenic dermatoses. Thus, even an experienced dermatologist may find it difficult to make an accurate diagnosis. The time period offers a number of interesting examples with public health efforts targeting cutaneous infection. Infections such as erysipelas were much more feared before antimicrobials had become available—a fact reflected in advertisements of the era. Cutaneous infection was, indeed, a much more serious matter at the time.

In this issue of *Clinics in Dermatology*, I have presented intriguing pathology of infections and infestations, which shows high modifying tendency. Some are specific for certain countries and geographic areas.

I have chosen to bring together a group of first-line dermatologists who have allocated their valuable time and experience to cover the wide topic of infections and infestations. This issue is the result of efforts invested by a very good team of dermatovenerologists who have successfully completed this project. It was my pleasure to bring together their experience, knowledge and enthusiasm.

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