

## **New Developments in ..... Dermatology**

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It gives me great pleasure to introduce a new section to the Bahrain Medical Bulletin entitled, "New Developments in..." The section comprises a collection of short review style papers each of which deals with a specific aspect of the discipline being covered. The specific aspect might be for example a novel instrument, diagnostic tool, new technology, and latest concepts in pathogenesis or new mode of therapy for a particular disease. Authors who have an interest or specialist/expert knowledge in the field of discussion will be invited to contribute. Dermatology is the focus of the current issue, a discipline that is rapidly advancing as a result of our improved understanding of the pathogenesis and molecular biology underlying a variety of disorders, which in turn has led to the introduction of a legion of new drugs. In line with this, three excellent reviews are presented in the section entitled, "New Developments in Dermatology". The first is by Professor John McGrath of St. John's Institute of Dermatology in London which covers the molecular biology of cutaneous blistering disorders; the second is by Dr. Jihad Al-Ratrouf of Qatif Central Hospital in Saudi Arabia which discusses some of the latest therapeutic agents used for the treatment of psoriasis; and the third is by Dr. Mirghani Uthman of Salmaniya Medical Complex in Bahrain which describes the current concepts in the pathogenesis of urticaria and angioedema. It is hoped that this new section of the BMB will provide a stimulus for further discussion, academic investigation and ardent pursuit of knowledge. The corresponding section in the September 2005 issue of BMB will cover the discipline of ophthalmology.

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