Chapter 79:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

On completion of the chapter, the reader will be able to:

1. Discuss the etiology of atopic dermatitis, including genetic and immune changes.
2. Describe the pathophysiology of atopic dermatitis, including predisposing factors.
3. Discuss the clinical presentation of atopic dermatitis, including diagnostic considerations.
4. Describe treatment approaches for atopic dermatitis, including nonpharmacologic management strategies and appropriate skin care.
5. Compare and contrast pharmacologic treatment modalities for atopic dermatitis, including topical therapies, phototherapies, and the use of systemic agents.
6. Recommend an appropriate treatment plan for a patient with atopic dermatitis.
7. Discuss the socioeconomic impact for the overall management of atopic dermatitis.
8. Describe clinical controversies and areas of further research in the management of atopic dermatitis.