LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

1. Discuss the normal structure and functions of the human skin.

2. Describe the common types of drug-induced skin reactions, including urticaria, maculopapular skin rashes, fixed drug eruptions, hyperpigmentation, Stevens–Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, drug hypersensitivity syndrome, phototoxic and photosensitivity reactions, and acneiform drug reactions.

3. Discuss common skin conditions, including contact dermatitis and diaper dermatitis, and briefly describe common types of skin cancers.

4. Distinguish between various common skin conditions that may be self-treatable and those requiring professional assessment and treatment.

5. Recommend an appropriate course of action for a patient presenting with a skin condition described in this chapter, including general care plans for various drug-induced skin reactions.