

Safety in office-based dermatologic surgery

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Safety in Office-Based Dermatologic Surgery is an excellent reference for dermatologists to have on hand. This concise how-to guide provides viable solutions to potential procedural pitfalls and contains numerous informative images. This text can be used both as a quick reference and as a guide to learn a nuanced approach to safety.

Specifically, the text focuses on the safe setup and execution of dermatologic procedures including biopsies, venipuncture, nail clipping, injections, excisions, and laser surgery. The book highlights ways to ensure that patients and medical staff remain safe during procedures by illustrating useful tips and tricks for preventing and troubleshooting common errors in cutaneous surgery. In addition, it provides step-by-step instructions on how to perform basic dermatologic procedures.

The lessons in this text are informative for all individuals working in the surgical suite, from

assistants to medical students to practicing dermatologists. This book can be recommended to new hires in the office as well as medical students starting on clinical rotations. It not only provides students familiarity with common procedures along with safety tips but also teaches lessons that are applicable to many other medical and surgical specialties. This is an excellent text for new dermatology residents, because the skills, lessons, and culture of safety promoted in this book are best learned early in training. Moreover, the book highlights precise teaching points useful for instructors working with early learners; for example, one section emphasizes how to effectively communicate with newcomers in the surgical suite.

This unique text can be easily and frequently referenced when safety questions arise. Furthermore, this book is available electronically, making it an invaluable resource for tech-savvy generations.

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