

***Patch Testing* by Anton C. de Groot**

To the Editor:

The fourth edition of Anton C. de Groot's eminent book on patch testing, test concentrations, and vehicles details information for an astonishing 4900 chemicals. As with prior editions, researchers and clinicians can rely on this text to serve as the standard for providing detailed information on patch test substances. Users will be delighted to find the addition of CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service) numbers along with an increased number of references to facilitate in-depth research. It has been 10 years since the publication of the third edition of *Patch Testing*, and patch testers will quickly realize this edition contains a significant volume of updated and new information. The added 125 pages give this text a much more substantial feel! The familiar structure of the text has been retained, and users will quickly have access to the name of the chemical, synonyms,

patch test concentrations and vehicles, and references. Merck Index Online numbers and Personal Care Products Council On-Line monographs are notated when applicable for the corresponding chemical. Other important information such as irritant and sensitizing potential, photosensitivity, and reports of immediate contact reactions is also noted.

The fourth edition of *Patch Testing* is a necessity for any clinician or researcher involved with patch testing. It will certainly play an important role in the many complex and challenging cases of allergic contact dermatitis.

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