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Skin cancer is a common cancer affecting a large population of Caucasians around the world. The best treatment result can only be achieved by a multidisciplinary team to evaluate all host, tumor and treatment factors carefully in a particular case scenario.

The thematic issue includes overviews of non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and Merkel cell carcinoma. The pattern of care review reflects how skin cancer is cared for in North America, such as Canada and in Europe, such as France. The paper on treatment decisions illustrates how to approach a case and make decision for treatment. The review on the role of different specialties in the team gives a broad coverage particularly from the surgical perspective. Reviews on radiotherapy, photodynamic therapy and systemic therapy are excellent, covering latest research results and conference abstracts. The whole issue can be used at the point of care by selecting the subtopics. Readers will have enough information by reading the subtopics without going through the whole review to get the most relevant advice.

Health care professionals in practice and in training will find this issue helpful at the point of care. It is potentially useful for preparation of professional examinations since almost all boards or colleges for specialties test competence on skin cancer management. At the point of care, this issue contains clinical pearls and experience from different authors. It will also form the basis of local guideline development.

Without the dedicated contribution of all authors and reviewers, this issue would not be possible. We also would like to thank our patients who inspire us to pursue more knowledge in this common cancer.

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