Book review

Practical guide to abdominal and pelvic MRI. 2nd edition. Leyendecker JR, Brown JJ, Merkle EM (editors). Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins; 2010. 416 pp. \$153.50
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This is the second edition of a well-received textbook on abdominal and pelvic MRI. The purpose of the book is not to be exhaustive but to be a readable text and help for the practising radiologist.

In section one, the basic principles of MRI of the abdomen and pelvis are covered with chapters on scan optimisation and appropriate protocols, as well as discussion of the new techniques in these fields. There is also an interesting chapter on the use of MR contrast agents in the abdomen and pelvis. In section two, the topics of MR angiography and MR cholangiopancreatography (MRCP)

and MR urography are covered as well as an interesting chapter on maternal MRI during and after pregnancy.

As would be expected, there are excellent chapters on interpreting abdominal and pelvic MR examinations with descriptions of anatomical variance and imaging anatomy as well as differential diagnoses for appearances seen on examinations.

The published images are of excellent quality and the text is easy to read and well referenced. There is an interesting section on MRI acronyms which would be useful to all of us who cannot keep up with these, as well as a glossary of MRI terms.

The book is well indexed and like the previous edition will, I am sure, become a popular, well-thumbed textbook for all radiologists involved in this area of MRI.

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