Book Review

Teitz Textbook of Clinical Chemistry & Molecular Diagnostics. Edited by Carl A Brutis, Edward R Ashwood & Davis E Burns, 4th edition. 2005, published by Elsevier, Inc. St Louis, United States of America, Hardbound, 1917 Pages, Rs.2505/-. ISBN 0-7216-5610-2.

During the last few years, new results of biomedical research and new developments in biotechnology have changed traditional orientations in medical sciences. Teitz Textbook of Clinical Chemistry and Molecular Diagnostics, is an authoritative textbook that provides a current and comprehensive review. The new edition has eight new chapters on Molecular Diagnostics, a change reflected in amending the previous title “Teitz Textbook of Clinical Chemistry” to the new title “Teitz Textbook of Clinical Chemistry and Molecular Diagnostics”. The present edition also has new chapters on Nanotechnology, Microfabrication, Point of Care Testing and Introduction to Evidence Based Lab Medicine. Nanotechnology research and development includes research at the nanoscale and integration of nanoscale structures into larger components and systems. Microfabrication promises many advantages including economy of scale, easy operation and reliability

Mollison's Blood Transfusion in Clinical Medicine – 11th Edition. Harvey G. Kellin & David J Anstee. Publisher: Blackwell Publishing © 2005, Pages: 891, Illustrations: 18, Hard Bound Price: Rs.6,322/- ISBN N 13-978-0-632-06454-0

It is a beautifully produced book, has great clarity and has most of the recent advances in its latest edition. Highly respected, long-established book that has become the “bible” in transfusion medicine.

This book provides a sound basis for understanding modern transfusion medicine. It is a definitive reference source for any clinician involved with patients requiring transfusion and for staff working in transfusion services, immunohaematology laboratories and blood banks. It also gives advice on management issues for the clinician.

The latest edition is completely revised and updated to reflect the rapid pace of changes in transfusion medicine. Transfusion

Pelvic Organ Prolapse by Suchitra N Pandit, published by The National Book Depot, Opp Wadia Children Hospital, Parel, Mumbai 400012. Year of Publication: 2005, Soft bound 233 pages; 24 illustrations; Price Rs.250/-. ISBN: 81-87540-53-2.

Review monographs on specific subjects make excellent reading beyond the realm of textbook learning. Pelvic organ prolapse is a very common gynaecological problem and every postgraduate and practitioner wants to know more about the subject. The book

of instrumentation. Including such upcoming topics in this textbook gives definite advantage to the readers. There has been significant regrouping of chapters and introducing room for additional information based on latest research. The new edition reflects the continuing maturity of an excellent textbook. A major addition to the textbook is companion website <http://evolve.elsevier.com/Teits/Textbook> which contains analytical methods, case studies & supplementary information. All the reference citations in the book are also listed in the website where they are linked to the Pubmed Data Base. The new edition would be a useful aid for clinicians and laboratory medicine professionals in their day to day practice. It has unmatched basic science coverage and remains an unparalleled resource to the clinical chemistry education. The book will be an asset to the teachers as well as the post graduate students of Biochemistry.

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medicine now involves mobilization and selection of haematopoietic progenitor cells for transplantation, storage of umbilical cord blood, and manipulation of mononuclear cells by culture and gene insertion to offer potential therapies for a wide range of diseases. The edition has been revised to reflect this progress. Enormous advances in protein structure determination have occurred since the last edition and these are reflected in the revised edition. Mollison's textbook has traditionally been used as a source of ‘classic’ studies and information not available elsewhere, and the authors have been careful to retain this information in this edition.

In conclusion it is recommended that no hospital transfusion laboratory should be without its “Mollison” and most haematologists should possess their own copy.

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‘Pelvic Organ Prolapse’ has dealt with all aspects of this subject in great detail and yet the book makes easy-reading. The book has 27 very well-edited chapters including three chapters on the related problem of stress urinary incontinence. The book should prove useful for every postgraduate to get clear concepts on the problem of pelvic organ prolapse.

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