Book Review

Progress in Haematologic Oncology, by Dr Lalit Kumar, first edition, published by The Advanced Research Foundation, New York, 2003;231 pages, price Rs.250/-.

Management of haematological malignancies have seen a sea change during the last decade. With advent of newer diagnostic criteria at molecular basis and modulation in therapeutics, it has become mandatory for all clinicians and pathologists to make these diagnosis as perfect as possible.

Dr Lalit Kumar has attempted to write this book with the sole aim that the presentation and incidence of haematological malignancies differ from that seen in western world. It is, therefore, necessary to

Basic Environmental Technology - Water Supply, Waste Management and Pollution Control 4th ed. By Jerry A Nathanson. Published by Prentice Hall of India Pvt Ltd. New Delhi 2002. Pages 532 Price Rs 325 (Indian Reprint) ISBN - 81-203-2228-2.

Doctors of the Armed Forces Medical Services need to have knowledge about certain basic tenets of Public Health, especially those dealing with environmental hygiene and sanitation. This requirement may arise when discharging the duties of SEMO of a station or that of Health Officer of Cantt Boards. This book offers a practically oriented introduction to a wide range of environmental topics focusing primarily on water and waste water, solid and hazardous waste and air and noise pollution control. All these are relevant in enhancing the knowledge base of the discerning doctor and thereby can enable effective rendering of input from the medical perspective to commanders, on the environmental health aspect. For Preventive Medicine / Public Health specialists, this book will serve as a reference to update their technical knowledge in the domain.

Oxford Handbook of Anaesthesia by Keith G Allman et al. Oxford University Press 2002, EPZ version, Pages 1139, paperback, ISBN-0198526865, Price Rs 360/- Approx.

A hand held comprehensive anaesthesia ready reckoner, which is useful to the practising anaesthesiologist and resident. This book does not replace a standard textbook, but only serves to provide concise reading material in between cases and those unsuspected emergency situations that come out of unannounced difficult patients. The various chapters on anaesthesia for surgical specialities are well conceived and have practical guidelines for management of

MRI of the Brain Vols I and II by Robert B Lufkin, William G Bradley Jr. and Michael Brant - Zawadzki, 2nd Edition. Published by Lippincott, Williams and Wilking, Hard bound 228 and 219 pages respectively, price Rs.8,300/-

The first two books in the series of six books compiled in the form of MRI teaching file has been extremely popular among the radiology fraternity. Very illustrative images, apt description, concise write up and an insight into differential diagnosis stimulates the reader to continue studying the contents. At the end of each

treat our patients following a common protocol at major cancer centres in India.

The book is concise with details of various childhood malignancies, immunophenotypes of different leukaemias and lymphoma, stem cell biology and other current topics. This shall help all postgraduates and clinicians in general in management of these cases.

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The key features of the book are clarity of content in an easy to read style. Details of several websites on the internet dealing with specific resources have also been highlighted on a chapter wise basis, thus serving as an invaluable resource tool for a doctor desirous of gaining further insight into the fascinating realm of public health.

This book has been written in simple jargon free language and is thus reader friendly. Illustrations of issues like water pollution and solid waste management among others have been dealt with lucidly with case studies, albeit based in foreign locales. The book will be a handy addition to the reference library of hospitals and formation headquarters, and has the advantage of being low priced also.

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cases under references. Military anaesthesia, inoculation injuries, death on the table and target controlled infusion are additional fields that have been addressed in this book. Some useful websites adult drug formulary as well as drug infusion tables (adult) have been included. Useful book for anaesthesiologists.

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case description, the authors have given vital information for further reading. Almost all the common Central Nervous System lesions have been tackled, thus necessitating all MRI centres to have these books on their book shelf.

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