Book Review

Wylie and Churchill - Davidsons "A Practice of Anaesthesia" edited by Thomas EJ Healy and Paul R Knight, 7th edition. Arnold, 2003, Page 1435 'Hardcover Indian Print ISBN 0340731303.

Forty-three years after the first edition of WYLE, now comes the much-awaited seventh edition of this famous Anaesthesia textbook. The layout drawings and print are excellent. New chapters include great moments in the history of anesthesiology, statistics, reproductive physiology and an altogether separate and useful section on anaesthesia and society covering topics such as stress and the anaesthesiologist, medical ethics and medico legal aspects. The teaching and learning of the art of anaesthesia has been highlighted by experienced contributors, who serve to kindle reader interest in this well researched and matter of fact textbook. Current

Radiologic Science for Technologist Physic, Biology and Protection 6th Edition by Steward C Bushong, published by Mosby 1997.

The first edition of this comprehensive book was published in 1975 and the author has ensured that the current edition incorporates all the latest developments in the field of radiology. The book has five parts and it is hard-bound with 586 pages.

The chapters on X-ray interaction with matter, radiographic quality and designing of radiation protection deserve a special

thoughts on TIVA as well as use of computers and simulators in anaesthesia practice implies that the modern anaesthesiologist needs to be not only a computer literate but also a computer expert. Obviously, with such voluminous data, the book is bulky but remains as an authoritative and reliable companion to the budding young anaesthesiologist who may not get much time for collateral reading. This book is recommended for all anaesthesiologists and medical libraries.

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mention due to their excellent illustration and explanation. This book particularly addresses the technicians and physics teachers in the field of radiology.

It is worthy to be possessed by all medical institution imparting X-ray technology training at all levels.

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Prevention of Hospital Acquired Infections: A practical Guide 2nd edition. Editors G Duce, J Gabry and L Nicolle. Published by World Health Organisation 2002. WHO/CDS/CSR/EPH/2002.12. Total Pages 64. Available free of cost to health care professionals. Soft bound with beautiful glazed cover finish.

This 2nd revised edition is a boon for the health care workers in the field of hospital acquired infection (HAI). It has ten chapters covering topics from epidemiology of nosocomial infections, surveillance, management of outbreaks to environmental control. Simplified criteria for identifying common types of HAI is the achievement of this book as criteria given by CDC Atlanta are complex for use by middle and lower level healthcare workers. Methodology described for calculation of prevalence and incidence rates of HAI with simple illustration and simplified proformas for

recording give this book a definite edge over other books in this field. However, the book falls short of expectation in the field of environment and structural control. Requirement for different types of isolation rooms in terms of engineering controls could have been illustrated in a better way.

Each chapter of the book has been neatly summarized for easy understanding. The book is a must for clinical microbiologists, hospital administrators and infection control nurses. Students of these specialities can obtain the pdf format of the book free of cost from internet by logging on to website of WHO.

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