Operative Gynecological Laparoscopy - Principles and Techniques by Camaran Nezhat et al; second edition, published by McGraw-Hill New York, London, New Delhi 2000; 420 pages; hard bound; price Rs 7650; ISBN 0-07-105431-6.

This book is a reference book in laparoscopy for advanced surgeons and beginners alike. It contains four sections, 21 chapters and a colour atlas, covering almost all the aspects of laparoscopic surgery. Like any other good surgical textbook, it has excellent illustrations. Besides, the standard chapters of ectopic pregnancy, endometriosis, ovarian cysts, myomectomy, hysterectomy etc, the book includes some of the topics, which are not available in many standard textbooks. For example, a chapter on laparoscopy in pregnant patients, risk factors have been identified and solutions are given to make the procedures safe in pregnancy.

Clinical Anaesthesiology by G. Edward Morgan, Jr. third edition, published by Lange Medical Books / McGraw Hill, New York, Chicago, 2002, pages 994, paperback, ISBN 0-8385-1553-3, \$25.95.

The third edition of this comprehensive and clinically oriented textbook comes after a gap of six years with several important improvements aiming to provide a concise and consistent presentation of the basic principles essential to the modern practice of anaesthesia. The book has 50 chapters, and has introduced sections such as Key Concepts which help the reader to focus on truly important themes that constitute the core of understanding anaesthesiology. Case discussions at the end of each chapter deal with clinical problems of current interest and provide a methodology and frame work to approach viva voice. Profiles in anaesthetic practice is the truly unique and exciting feature of this edition where in 11 internationally recognized leaders in anaesthesiology present editorialized counter points to the usual textbook dogma. While terms like "neuronavigation," "laryngo spasm notch" involve the readers in the dynamics of thinking through anaesthetic problems

Intensive Care Infections. A practical guide to diagnosis and management in adult patients. Humphreys H, Willatts S, Vincent JL. Published by WB Saunders 2000. Printed in China. Pages 225. Price Rs 2,260/-

With the constant change in the medical world, it is important to be updated on the latest protocols, diagnostic modalities and antimicrobial principles pertaining to infections, more so in the setting of the Intensive Care Patients. The spread of HIV, Hepatitis B & C viruses, besides the ravages of multi resistant nosocomial bacteria invading our patient clientele, have brought into focus the issue of infection in critically ill patients as a major challenge to all health care professionals dealing with them. This hand book is an excellent guide which lays down easy to use evidence based principles for managing infections in the ICUs. The book is divided into two parts, the first dealing with general issues of pathogenesis,

Similarly, a chapter on complications - the authors have stressed on need of prevention of complications. Considerable space has been devoted to newer procedures and the instruments like minilaparoscopy. This shows the trend for the future. A chapter on gynaecological malignancy is primarily for those surgeons who have already acquired mastery in standard laparoscopic surgeries and would like to do more. This book is indeed a bible for gynecological endoscopic surgery, therefore it is recommended for all hospital libraries.

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and controversies, it is the refreshing frankness of John Mayers commenting on the disadvantages of the much flouted bispectral index - "I once applied bispectral index electrodes to a serving of cherry gelatin with fruit cocktail from our cafeteria and recorded a bispectral index value of 22", this once again reiterates that clinical observation and judgement in concert with sophisticated monitoring provides a fuller and more accurate assessment of patient responsiveness to anaesthesia. Diagrams in this book are easy on the eye and it has but a couple of X-ray plates only. The suggested reading at the end of each chapter includes relevant texts, chapters and review articles emphasizing material published in 1990's. A very useful compliment to the standard text books in vogue, of much help to the practising physicians and anaesthesiologist. This book is recommended for all post graduates and practising anaesthesiologists.

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epidemiology, control and diagnosis of infection. The second part deals with infections related to specific systems like respiratory, abdominal, CNS etc. The chapters on multiple trauma and soft tissue infections and infections in immunosuppressed patients have been well written by the authors and will be useful in dealing with a large number of ICU patients. Overall the book is lucid, precise with tremendous practical utility for all critical care physicians, anaesthesiologists, clinical microbiologists, surgeons, residents, ICU nurses and all other health care professionals who sincerely wish to face the challenge of infections of intensive care patients with a determined effort.

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