Embryology for Medical Students by Sudhir Sant First edition : 2002 ISBN 81-8061-008-X. Published by Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd. 316 Pages. Price Rs.200/-.

Embryology for Medical Students aims to help the undergraduate students in clear comprehension of the subject and to assist the students to perform well in examinations.

To achieve these objectives, an attempt has been made in this book to give lucid and simplified account of developmental process, so that the students completely understand the basic concepts of developmental process. There are about 240 diagrams in this book, which will help the students to understand the subject. These diagrams are illustrative as well as simple enough so that the students can reproduce them easily at the time of examinations.

The various chapters in this book are arranged in logical sequence, starting with gametogenesis and fertilization. The chapters dealing with general development of embryo (general embryology), development of foetal membranes including placenta are followed by development of various systems (systemic embryology). Detailed account of congenital anomalies is presented

at the end of development of each organ/system. Clinically, this applied aspect of embryology is very important and gives purposeful significance to the learning of embryology.

One of the main purposes of studying embryology is to understand congenital anomalies including their etiology, so that the congenital anomalies can be prevented. With this in mind, a separate chapter is included in this book, which deals with various factors responsible for producing congenital anomalies.

With Medical Council of India's new regulations, duration of course of first MBBS has been reduced from one and half years to one year. The students have therefore less time to study the various subjects at first MBBS. The author has been successful to make the book concise without omitting important and significant details. This book is recommended not only for all undergraduate students but also for postgraduate students.

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Practical Paediatric Neurology, 1st Edition. Author: Veena Kalra. Publishers, Arya Publication, Industrial Area, Trilokpur Road, Kala Amb - 173030, Distt. Sirmour (HP), 2002, Pages 237, Price Rs 300/-.

Good books which deal with paediatric neurological diseases in depth are available. However, most of these books have been written by authors from the developed world. The genomic make up, environmental factors and socio-economic setup in the developed world are different from that of the developing countries. Socio-economic structure, influences the management of any medical problem to a large extent. The treatment modalities available are constrained to the material read in books by most of us. There has been a definite need for a book on Paediatric Neurology written by some one from the developing world keeping the different problems of developing and underdeveloped countries within purview. This book titled "Paediatric Practical Neurology" goes a long way in fulfilling these needs. It positively and definitely reflects the rich clinical experience of the author and the generosity in accepting the contributions of other people engaged in this field.

The book is systematically divided into 14 units including networking in SAARC region, CNS Malformations, Neonatal Neurology, CNS Infections, Seizure Disorders, Developmental Neurology, etc. The relevant pictures have been incorporated in most of the important diseases where the diagnosis is based on

characteristic clinical appearance and is to be made on the spot. The important information are tabulated and easy to consult. The algorithmic approach in the management is easy to remember and is creditable. The units covering CNS Infections, Cerebral Palsy, Developmental Assessment and Mental Retardation particularly will be of utmost importance since they are not covered in western books with regards to our needs. The treatment protocols in CNS infections are based on prevailing investigations and chemotherapeutics. The quality of print and paper by and large is good but binding is not up to the mark. There are some clerical mistakes and some of the common problems that are preventable and treatable like Neural tube defects, SSPE, and Wilson disease should have been discussed in more detail.

This book will be extremely useful for not only students but also practitioners in the developing world. The way it has been written, it can be used as a bedside manual for quick reference in emergency situations. "Practical Paediatric Neurology" is a milestone in the field of Child Neurology by an Indian author. We recommend the book for Post Graduate Students and Paediatric Practitioners. Congratulations Prof. Veena Kalra and team.

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