BOOK REVIEWS

Paediatric Endocrine Disorders : Editors. MP Desai, B Bhatia, PSN Menon, Orient Longman Chennai, 2001, pp 440, Price Rs.425.00

This is an excellent book on Paediatric Endocrine disorders published in India for the first time. It has contributions from National and International authors.

Endocrine disorders are not very common in children and adolescents but they should be diagnosed early and treated appropriately to prevent long term effects in a growing child. This is a comprehensive book giving clear guidelines for paediatricians on when to suspect an endocrine problem, laboratory tests to be performed and reference to paediatric endocrinologist.

The topics of growth, puberty, sexual differentiation, diabetes,

thyroid, adrenals etc have been well covered. However, there are a few drawbacks in the book. There should have been an introductory chapter with a general discussion on clinical features in endocrine disorders. There are too many abbreviations in the text and some tables have numerous arrows and long legends.

Despite all these drawbacks this book is strongly recommended for all postgraduate students and paediatricians.

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Emergency Medical Services & Disaster Management - A Holistic Approach. Editors : Dr PK Dave, Dr Shakti Gupta, Col NK Parmar VrC, Lt Col Sunil Kant. Publisher Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd, EMCA House, 23/23B, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi - 110 002. 348 pages. Hard Bound. Rs 500/-

This book is a concise and contemporaneous treatise on the subject. The editors have judiciously and wisely collated various concepts and issues of this multidimensional and vital aspect of medical care. The inclusion of articles by both foreign and Indian authors brings to the book the unique perspective of development and operationalizing of Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Management. The perspective is global but imaginatively incorporates the local variables.

The wide canvas of topics covers elaborately the development of the speciality of Emergency Medicine, National Accident Policy, planning, organizing, operational and management implications of Emergency Medical Services, record keeping, legal and ethical connotations, costing of Emergency Medical Services and quality improvement amongst others. The latter chapters of the book are

dedicated to the burning topic of management of disasters including contemporary issues of telemedicine, hospital networking and NBC scenario.

The book lives upto its promise of providing a holistic approach to this new speciality of Emergency Medicine and is recommended for health planners, policy makers, healthcare organisations and other agencies involved in this service. The book will be an invaluable guide to students, practitioners and administrators of healthcare institutions in addition to the specific Emergency Medical facilities. It should find a place in the reference section of all hospitals and medical college libraries in addition to its attractiveness for the disparate agencies involved nationally and at the state level in the Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Management.

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Review of Orthopaedics. Edited by Mark D. Miller, MD. Associated Editor : Mark R. Brinker, MD. Third edition WB Saunders Company, Philadelphia. 2000. Price \$ 59, 640 pp. Paper bound. ISBN:0-7216-8153-0.

This book provides condensed over view of Orthopaedic subject. It contains 12 chapters and has twenty three contributing authors. The chapters are on Basic sciences, Paediatric Orthopaedics, Sports medicine, Adult Reconstruction, Disorders of foot and ankle, Hand and microsurgery, Spine, Orthopaedic Pathology, Rehabilitation, Adult trauma. Unusually, the chapter on surgical anatomy is in the last part of the book. Very few books of orthopaedic surgery discuss medical ethics and statistics, this chapter has been added in this edition of the review. This provides insight into the basics of medical ethics and statistics and I feel this is a welcome inclusion. This book has a number of illustrations in the form of line diagrams, black and white pictures, algorithms and tables, in all

about 600 of them mainly taken from standard textbooks and classic articles from journals. The format of the book makes easy reading. The authors have given topic-wise references in the bibliography of each chapter and this provides ready references for selective further reading. Like any other western review this book spares minimal space for diseases of our interest like poliomyelitis and tuberculosis. A topic of polytrauma could be a good inclusion to the next edition of this book. This book can be a good source of ready reference to the PGs, Residents and practising Orthopaedic surgeons. Recommended for the departmental libraries.

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