BOOK REVIEWS

FACIAL SURGERY : Plastic and Reconstructive. Edited by Mack L.Cheney, Published by Williams and Wilkins. Baltimore, Maryland USA. 1997. 1004 Pages price \$225 hard bound.

The field of facial aesthetics and reconstructive surgery is challenging due to its anatomical complexity and ever increasing expectation from the patients. Keeping this aspect in mind this book has covered almost all the surgical basics and various techniques used for facial reconstructive surgeries. The topics have been discussed in a point wise manner and with clinical photographs for better registration in the mind of the reader. The surgical techniques are discussed with coloured schematic diagrams as well as clinical

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS IN PAEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY Edited by Ebel KD, Blockman H, Willich E, Richter E, Stuttgart, New York, 1999 Pages 825, Price DM 368-00

After an initial radiographic or ultrasound examination, differential diagnosis on imaging findings often becomes a complex and problematic issue. A systematic and practical differential diagnosis of findings can help in arriving at a diagnosis quickly and lessen the need for more complex and costly diagnostic procedures. In this book, a revised translation of 1st German edition published in 1995, eminent paediatric radiologists have pooled their years of experience.

This book would help both Paediatricians and Radiologists to optimize the interpretation of imaging studies with clinical signs and symptoms. The book is broadly divided into seven major anatomic sections and further sub-divided into several chapters covering

HOSPITAL STORES MANAGEMENT - AN INTEGRATED APPROACH Material Management literature focussed specifically on Hospital and Health care institutions is rarely available. Hospital Stores Management - An Integrated Approach by Dr Shakti Gupta and Dr Sunil Kant fills this void and provides a good insight in stores management relevant to hospitals. Published by Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd., Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002., 265 pages, Hard bound, Rs.300/- ISBN 81-7179-740-7.

It is to the credit of the authors that they have been able to picture material management concepts and relate them to hospitals in a comprehensive and holistic manner. The challenging task for a first ever book in the country on the subject needs to be complimented.

The book provides a good overview of stores management and procurement procedures in the Indian context. The chapters on procurement procedure including tender system and purchasing have been meticulously written in detail. Authors have described Government procurement procedures in detail. The book scores well on issues of stock verification, distribution and codification and the chapter on inventory control covers varied issues in inventory control. Though all issues have been touched upon it is felt that a more detailed discussion taking both the deterministic and probabilistic models with examples would have brought out the subject with better clarity. A welcome addition in the book would have been a chapter on forecasting. Despite this it must be stressed that the authors have covered vast literature in limited space.

One of the unique features of the book, which no other material management books discuss are the chapters on equipment planning and maintenance. The authors have provided relevant inputs for

operative photographs for better understanding of the procedure. The chapter on 'Clinical photography' and "Botulinum toxin" are the highlights of the book. As all the chapters are contributed by eminent authors in various fields latest technological know how can be obtained from these chapters. The language is simple and easy to grasp. This book is recommended as a reference book for students and practitioners in the discipline of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

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almost all major childhood disorders. Illustrations for anatomic description and biometric data provided in the sections are extremely useful. There are 1510 illustrations and 258 tables.

The main strength of the book lies in the format and organization of the chapters making it easy to locate a particular edition in differential diagnosis. The book strongly emphasizes conventional radiographic and ultrasonographic findings which paediatricians will find useful. The book is certainly recommended for departmental libraries in paediatrics and radiology. Individuals may find the cost prohibitive.

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hospital planning and selection. The other chapters on equipment give a sound insight in hospital equipment repair and maintenance and equipment audit. To keep the book to a reasonable length the authors have given a valuable overview of equipment issues and it is up to the students and hospital administrators to elaborate on it from other relevant literature.

With the liberalization process firmly taking its roots more and more equipment is being imported. The authors have taken a great effort to explain and discuss import procedures including letter of credit, documentation and custom clearance. Not many hospital administrators are familiar with these and the book provides a good appreciation of these procedures.

The chapter on legal aspects discusses the various contractual legalities, which would be in place between the hospital and the contract party. Possibly a discussion on the legalities between the patient and the hospital in relation to material management would have made the chapter complete. The chapters on CQI and recent trends provide a good insight in the future.

Overall the book is well researched, written and comprehensive, providing a focussed view on the varied issues of material management in hospital. The book would be a valuable addition to all hospital libraries. The simple, easy to understand language will appeal to students in Hospital Administration and hospital administrators. The book is also likely to be of immense value to clinicians serving in administrative capacity.

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