IMAGING THE TEMPORAL BONE : Edited by Joel D Swartz, M.D. and H. Ric Harnsberger M.D. Published by Thieme Medical Publishers Inc. 333 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001, 1998, Pages 496 Price DM 268 (Rs 6080) TNY ISBN 0-86577-700-4

This book has successfully highlighted the fact that careful attention to detail is required, if images of highest diagnostic quality are to be achieved for Temporal bone evaluation. The advent of high resolution Computed Tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (M.R.I.) has provided the Radiologist with unique opportunity to strengthen dialogue with the Otolgic surgeon and the neuro-otologist.

Each chapter in this book has been chosen to integrate M.R.I. and therefore illustrate to the reader as to which imaging modality is most appropriate in a given circumstance. The reader is also encouraged to refer to the detailed appendix stressing in normal anatomy regularly as knowledge of anatomy is crucial to the study of Temporal bone. Emphasis on use of Fast Spin Echo sequences to provide an inexpensive screening examination for Acoustic

Schwanomas, in addition to conventional spin echo and high resolution Computed Tomography is a very practical solution. The algorithm approach in some chapters will certainly help the imaging specialist to guide the clinician through the myriad imaging choices in an effective manner. Simultaneous consideration of the embryological aspects in every section is an additional bonus. Illustrations are valuable, appropriate and of superior quality.

The edition is "user friendly" and a practical resource in daily practice. It is a comprehensive reference book that includes discussion and illustration of several lesser known entities in addition to the more common. It will be an asset in all medical set ups with imaging facilities like CT and M.R.I. besides the libraries of Medical Colleges and Large Teaching Hospitals.

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DISEASES OF THE LIVER AND BILIARY SYSTEM IN CHILDREN : Author : Deirdre A Kelly, Blackwell Science Ltd, Oxford 1999, Pages 392, usual price 99.50 Special Indian Price Rs 1103/- Distributed by Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, 23/23B EMCA House, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110021.

Hepatic and Biliary diseases in children are becoming increasingly common and Paediatric Hepatology is establishing itself as a distinct speciality in Paediatrics owing to the peculiarities of liver and biliary diseases in children. This book is likely to fulfill the long felt need of students and teachers to share their global experiences in this field and to focus on certain clinical problems in day to day practice.

This book covers a wide range of topics - from genetic disturbances of bilirubin and bile salt transport in neonates to psychology of parents of children on transplantation waiting lists. The highlight of the book includes number of useful algorithms and provides a practical approach to paediatric liver disease.

Information on hepatitis has been updated, and non-viral hepatitis and liver abscesses have been described well. Disorders of Copper metabolism also includes Indian Childhood Cirrhosis.

There are chapters on liver and intestinal transplantations, useful investigations, altered drug and protein metabolism in liver diseased which are very lucid and interesting. Neonatal liver disorders are also well covered. The academic quality is enhanced by a collection of 75 photographs.

This book fills a real gap in our knowledge of liver disease and is a well needed addition of a reference material which will be very useful for postgraduate students. Paediatricians and Paediatric Hepatologists.

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