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Common Clinical Challenges : A treatise on Maladies and Remedies by P Siva Rama Krishna Rao Published by Tata McGraw Hill publishing company Ltd. Published in 2000 Pages 892.

This book while dealing with strategies regarding management of common ailments brings to the fore the cumulative experience of Prof P Siva Rama Krishna Rao who is a brilliant academician and outstanding clinician. The book follows a symptomatic and investigatory approach to varied symptom complexes which challenge a physician every day. Thirty six such conditions from chest pain to impotence have been outlined in great detail including their manifestation, clinical findings, investigation and treatment. Practical approach regarding these conditions has been exhaustively

Vaginal Hysterectomy : Editors. Shirish S Sheth, John Studd, Published by Martin Duntiz, 2002, pp378, Price £ 95.

In this era of minimally invasive surgery, vaginal hysterectomy stands out as the least invasive option for removal of uterus for benign disease even in the absence of uterovaginal prolapse. This volume dedicated to the philosophy, principles and practice of vaginal hysterectomy is therefore both contemporary and timely. This multiauthored book with 33 chapters has been written from a clinician's point of view in a very lucid style. Every aspect of vaginal hysterectomy ranging from the concept, case selection, pre-operative evaluation, technical details, difficulties and the ways to tackle them as well as complications have been covered comprehensively. The book is extensively illustrated making it very readable. Even the uninitiated gynaecologist would be able to dispel his fears about adopting the vaginal approach for hysterectomy when there is no

resources. The website www.com/chapman will provide supplemental material in future. This book is recommended for all postgraduates, and practising Orthopaedic surgeons.

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dealt with and each chapter is suffixed by a suitable algorithm. The book also has 90 illustrations, however if more of them were coloured it would have added to the presentation of the book. The scientific information has been presented in a very simple lucid style and the bold print makes it easily readable. For students and clinicians alike this book will serve to be an asset.

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The book should form a part of every gynaecologist's personal library but for its cost. Nevertheless, the book is recommended for all departmental libraries in hospitals providing gynaecological services and medical college libraries. The book is expected to benefit every post-graduate student and practising gynaecologist.

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