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Book Review

SK Adaval, editor. Fatal Aircraft Accidents: A Pathologist's Notebook. KW Publishers Pvt Ltd. 1st edition. Hardbound. Pages 183, Price Rs 620/-, ISBN Number 978-81-87966-77-7.

This book comprehensively addresses various aspects of aviation pathology with emphasis on the investigation of fatal aircraft accidents. The book is divided in two parts, the first on pathology and the second on applied toxicology. The first part is divided into 10 chapters and focuses on concepts of aviation pathology, autopsy techniques including histopathology, injury analysis, collection and storage of specimens and is well illustrated with specific incidents of airline disasters in India and abroad. The second part on applied toxicology is divided into four chapters and highlights the toxic hazards in aircrafts with specific chapters on exposure to carbon monoxide and alcohol and drug detection techniques.

The book is well written and easy to read with a natural flow of prose bringing out the relevant aspects of aviation air accident pathology and designed for practicing pathologists. The content is presented in a methodical fashion with adequate coverage of

procedures and laboratory techniques as well as the method of correlation with accident details and antecedent circumstances. Service pathologists often need to perform autopsies and tackle the intricacies of aviation pathology in unfamiliar settings and this book will serve as a useful reference. This book also adds to the existing literature on the subject and the author has effectively elaborated on the text with his personal experiences. Useful examples of correlation of accident details with autopsy findings have been provided as well as an adequate list of references for those interested in in-depth study

This book will benefit pathology libraries in our hospitals and is worthy of possession by every practicing pathologist of the Armed Forces Medical Services.

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