BOOK REVIEWS

Transvaginal Sonography - A Clinical Atlas edited by Arthur C Fleischer, MD and Donna M Kepple, RDMS (with seven contributors). Published by JP Lippincott Co. Philadelphia 1992. Pages 301 with 550 illustrations. Hard bound. Price Rs 4522/-. ISBN 0-397-51136-1.

This book besides being a clinical atlas, blends requisite text and schematic diagrams explaining in depth the state of the art in transvaginal sonography. The organization of the book guides the reader from the basic instrumentation of transvaginal sonography and discusses vividly the normal and abnormal sonographic image characteristics of the pelvic organs with emphasis on differential diagnosis. It has sections on important topics like ectopic pregnancy and fertility studies. Newer techniques like transperineal and transrectal scanning to view the lower cervix, lower urinary tract and in assessing stress urinary incontinence have been dealt elaborately with

illustrations.

A special section on transvaginal colour doppler sonography discusses the value of colour doppler studies in correlating the vascular flow pattern of various uterine disorders especially in the follow-up of choriocarcinoma. Vascular flow pattern studies differentiating benign ovarian diseases from malignant ones have been dealt very competently.

Finally this book is a welcome addition to the sonographic study of the pelvis and will be a ready reference to the postgraduate residents, radiologists and gynaecologists as well.

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Diagnostic Histopathology of Tumours - by Christopher DM Fletcher. Published by Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh. Volume 1 & 2 1995. Pages 1358. Price Rs 175/-. ISBN 0-443-042950.

This is yet another book dealing exclusively with the diagnostic histopathology of tumours in all systems. This is the first edition of its kind having 32 chapters divided equally into two volumes.

Forty nine authors, having rich experience in their respective fields have contributed in compiling this book. Drs Fix, Unni and Ellis, just to quote a few, have contributed to the chapters on tumours of the female genital tract, osteoarticular system and breast respectively. Special attention is also given to systems like eye, ear, neuroendocrine and skin.

Most pleasing part of this book is the liberal illustration of various lesions by high quality colour

photomicrographs which gives a true picture of the tumours. There are two chapters exclusively devoted to electron microscopy (EM) and immunohistochemistry. Authors have dealt in detail about the EM picture of spindle cell tumours, round cell tumours and carcinomas. Authors have also impressed upon the role of immunohistochemistry in the diagnosis and prognosis of tumours.

Finally, this book which is comprehensive, will be very useful for all pathologists whose role is very crucial in the diagnosis of tumours, and this is more so in the field of surgical pathology where new tumour variants are emerging. These volumes will be very useful to all pathologists and a good addition to medical libraries.

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