Critical Care Imaging by Lawrence R Goodman, Charles E Putman, editors. 3rd edition. Published by WB Saunders & Company, Philadelphia, 1992. Pages 494. Price \$ 115/-

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This edition has been published after a gap of nine years and has been enlarged from 13 to 22 chapters. The 29 authors, who have contributed towards writing this book, are experts in radiology, medicine, surgery paediatrics and anaesthesiology. This book is meant for use by both radiologists and clinicians alike, with emphasis being given on interpretation of all images and the pathophysiological events responsible for the radiographic changes.

Part I and II of this book describes the modern ICU with its support and monitoring devices and gives the radiologist's and clinician's perspective of critical care imaging. Part III deals with acute pulmonary disease and gives an excellent review on ARDS and cardiac and

noncardiac oedema. The subsequent parts give an indepth approach to acute cardiovascular, abdominal and neurological diseases, and the role of the interventional radiologist in these emergencies. Imaging evaluation of the neonate has been covered separately and part VIII gives a synopsis of radiological procedures. The explicit illustrations and exhaustive references make this slim hard bound edition even more worthwhile.

Finally it can be said that this book is both practical and complete for the day-to-day imaging problems encountered by radiologists, intensive care clinicians, paediatricians, surgeons and anaesthesiologists in the management of the critically ill.

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This excellent book is written by Dr Park keeping in mind the need of non-cardiologist like pediatricians, physicians and general practitioners for improving their skills in arriving at clinical diagnosis of cardiac problems in children, using basic tools available in their office and general hospitals. This book also serves as a reference book in paediatric cardiology.

With newer developments in cardiology in diagnostic and therapeutic modalities the basics have been sidelined. The major emphasis in this book has been on utilization of basic tools like history taking, physical examination,

ECG, chest radiography and echocardiography. There are plenty of line diagrams, flow charts and indication and timing for surgery.

The third edition has been updated which retains the old format. Chapters on echocardiography, exercise tests, ambulatory electrocardiography and cardiac catheterization have been substantially expanded.

This book is strongly recommended for all postgraduates and clinicians who care for children with heart diseases.

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