Clinical Practice of Transfusion Medicine. 3rd edition. Edited by Lawrence D'Petz, Scott N Swisher, Steven Kleinman, Richard K Spence and Ronald G Strauss. Published by Churchill Livingstone, New York, 1996. Hardbound. Price Rs 2915/-. Pages 1115. ISBN 0-443-08981-7.

This book which includes both the clinical and laboratory aspects of Transfusion Medicine is targeted at the clinicians, Laboratory workers at postgraduate and consultant levels, to keep abreast with new concepts and developments. The contents of the book have been divided into 7 sections and 50 chapters. The field of Transfusion Medicine has continued to grow and keeping in line with rapid changes in basic sciences, clinical practice and health care organization, as well as in the legal and regulatory spores.

In this multi-author book, surgical oriented topics have been edited by Richard Spence who has laid emphasis on oxygen carrying substitutes and to the controversial topic

of the 'Transfusion Trigger'. The problems related to paediatric transfusion are well covered and there is an increased emphasis on neonatal physiology of haematopoiesis and haemostasis.

Topics which may become clinically relevant in the future like immune modulation caused by transfusion, ambulatory transfusion, issues associated with organ, marrow and stem cell transfusion. A new section deals with medicolegal aspects of Transfusion Medicine which is more pertinent in the present day practice of transfusion medicine. This third edition will be very useful to postgraduate libraries, clinicians and experts on Transfusion Medicine.

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Medical Facilities: New Concepts in Architecture and Design. 1st edition. Published by Mseisei publications, Tokyo, 1994. Hardbound. Price Rs 2720/-. Pages 224. ISBN FXX 4-87246-294-7C 3052 P 1600E.

This is a fully illustrated book which has been prepared by putting together the ideas of various groups of architects in Japan. The contents of the books have been divided into four sections based on the categories of medical facilities.

The first and longest section covers the general hospitals which highlights the requirement of fusion of the humane environment in hospitals with sophisticated technological advances. The sections on Mental hospitals

and Rehabilitation Centres features future trends of combining open spaces with the functional element. The last section deals with clinics.

The entire book is explained by means of colour plates, site plans, floor plans and views of sections of buildings, with no text. Overall, it is an useful book for architects, hospital administrators and planners as it helps to give new dimensions in the designing of medical facilities.

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