BOOK REVIEWS

Year book of Obstetrics and Gynaecology - 1996. Edited by Daniel R Mishell JR, Arthur L Herbst, and Thomas H Kirschbaum. Published by Mosby year book, Inc Chicago. Year of publication 1996. Hard bound. Price Rs 2600/-. Pages 768. ISBN-0-8151-6018-6

This book covers the key points and summaries of various outstanding papers from a wide range of journals and compiles them in 25 chapters. The comments after critical evaluation of each article by an editorial board of experienced health professionals, places each article in its correct perspective for the reader.

It also includes Dr Thomas Strovall's excellent review

of use of Methotrexate for treatment of ectopic pregnancy.

With the rapid advances in major disciplines of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the medical literature becoming so voluminous that in order to keep themselves up to date, practising Obstetricians and Gynaecologists should certainly read this book and it should be on the shelves of every hospital library.

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Health Care Architecture - Designs for the future by Nesmith EL. Published by Rockport Publishers, Inc. USA 1995. Pages 191. Hard bound. Rs 2400/-. ISBN 1-56496-136-2.

This book features selected health care projects of USA. The projects include Ambulatory care/outpatient centres, cancer facilities, health facilities, paediatric facilities, rehabilitation centres, women's health centers and other medical centers.

Each topic includes a brief introduction about project, magnificently photographed coloured images and

architectural drawings.

The projects featured provide newer concepts and future directions in planning and designing health care buildings that meet diverse goals. The book is recommended as reference material for hospital planners and architects.

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Fractures and Dislocations, Principles of Management 1st ed. Edited by Paul J Gregg, Jack Stevens and Peter H. Worlock. Blackwell Scientific Ltd, 1996. Cost Rs.6350/- ISBN 0-632-02303-1

This is a new book in the market dealing with management of fractures and dislocations in adults. The outstanding feature of this book is that, it comprehensively deals the basics of fracture and trauma management. This has been accomplished in a single volume consisting of 928 pages.

The book has covered the basic chapters of systemic response to injury, multiple injuries, resuscitation etc., very well. The role of Space blanket, G Suit, MAST is described well. The modern concepts of Trauma Scoring include ISS, GCS, TS, PS, TRISS, RTS, including MTO (the audit programme) are described in a very simple manner. Due emphasis has been given to management of abdominal, thoracic trauma and head injury as well.

The definitive treatment of fractures and dislocations

gives an overview of various modalities of treatment available to a modern orthopaedic and trauma surgeon today. The management of open fractures has been dealt extensively, including soft tissue coverage.

In the upper limb fractures, the indications for ORIF of fractures of clavicle, humerus, are described well. The topic of carpal injuries, carpal instabilities and their indications for surgery are described very well.

In the lower limb fractures, the prevalent modalities of treatment have been described. The purpose of this new textbook is to present, in one volume, up to date principles of management of bone and joint injuries. However, it is not a reference book. It is considered to be a basic reading for post-graduates. It is not possible to perform any surgery without referring to books on operative surgery.

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