Vora's notes on Dermatology. Published by Vora Medical Publications, Mumbai 400031. Pages 195. Rs 80/-.

This book has been written primarily for undergraduate students to help them prepare for examinations. Since the examination in Dermatology and Venereology at MBBS level is merely confined to a few short notes, the book has been written in a concise point-wise fashion. However, the book lacks a uniform pattern of presentation. Some of the chapters, particularly those on leprosy, HIV infection, eczemas, bullous disorders and alopecia,

have a few gross errors and outdated regimes. There is also generally a lack of emphasis on the important aspects of the diseases. The book needs better editing to make it more useful for the purpose it has been conceived.

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Vora's notes on Radiology. 1st edition. Published by Vora Medical Publications, Mumbai 400031. 1996. Paperback. Rs 45/-. Pages 106. ISBN 81-86361-17-0.

This compilation of notes is targeted at the undergraduate students to help them answer questions often asked in examinations. The end result is like the notes made by an inattentive student from the lectures of an overenthusiastic young lecturer trying to impress the class with the breadth (and not the depth) of his knowledge.

There are many factual and printing errors. Hydropneumothorax has been defined as a combination of pleural effusion and a hydrothorax! The diameter of the lesions in infiltrate measures 6-7 cm as per these notes.

The method for calculating the Metacarpal Index in the diagnosis of arachnodactyly is also not correct. The publisher does not seem to be sure about the price also as it is given as Rs 45/- inside and Rs 50/- on the back cover.

Despite these and other errors this low priced book can be recommended for libraries catering to undergraduate students for the line diagrams and for the amount of information available in this slim volume.

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Vora's notes on Psychiatry. Published by Vora Medical Publications, Mumbai 400031. 1st edition. 1997. Paperback. Pages 245. Rs 80/-. ISBN-81-8631-32-4.

This book is yet another addition to the fast enlarging collection of 'Psychiatry made easy' category of books. As per the publishers the contents of the book have been compiled from the notes of famous teachers and brilliant students. Salient features of various psychiatric disorders and their treatment are enumerated under bold banners and subsidiary headings. The information given is fairly up-to-date though it is strange to see DSM-IV draft criteria for diagnosis where as the actual DSM-IV has

already been in force for 2 years. However the obvious utility of the book is marred to a certain extent by innumerable spelling mistakes and typographical errors. Nevertheless medical students and general duty medical officers might find the book useful in their preparation for various examination as well as a handy quick reference in day-to-day practice.

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