BOOK REVIEWS

BEDSIDE CLINICS IN MEDICINE, PARTS I & II. Third edition by Dr. Arup Kumar Kundu, published by Academic Publishers 12/1A, Bankim Chatterjee Street, Calcutta-700 073.

Pages: Part I=447, Part II=188. Price Part I=Rs.250/-, Part II=150/-. Soft cover, ISBN No. Part I=81-86358-76-5, Part II=81-86358-82-X.

This book has been written for undergraduate students but should also be useful for post-graduate students and practising physicians. The author has discussed the history taking, clinical signs, differential diagnosis & management in the form of questions & answers which students may encounter during the examination. The Part I of the book gives a comprehensive account of clinical methods & their interpretations while Part II deals with emergency medicine,

X-rays, ECG & drugs in a language that can be easily understood by undergraduate students. Clinical photographs are very clear and useful. The readers will benefit from the lucid description of various aspects of internal medicine.

The cost of the book is reasonable & should be affordable by undergraduates. The references have not been mentioned for further reading by post-graduate students and physicians. This book is recommended for medical students, house officers working in wards & medical libraries.

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CLINICAL MEDICINE, Kumar and Clark: Nov 1998, 4th edition, by Dr Praveen Kumar and Michael Clark, published by WB Saunders London, Edinburg etc, ISBN-07020-2090-2 is available at a special price of Rs.1086/-.

This book is designed to meet the requirement of under-graduate and postgraduate students of medicine, nurses and practising physicians. The lay out and text of the book is very user friendly as it incorporates many novel features. Different colour scheme for each chapter will help in quick reference to another chapter, which is so often required by the students. Useful information on clinical medicine has been condensed in 1344 pages and there are 630 lucid illustrations. The authors have given "key features" on a single page in the beginning to make reading easier and more enjoyable. There are basically three types of different boxes for basic information, emergency information & practical information on many subjects. Each type of box has a specific colour scheme.

All chapters have been updated since the last edition. Tropical medicine is well represented as 125 pages are devoted to it. New discoveries in cell and molecular biology, genetic disorders and immunology have been incorporated. New information on AIDS and *Helicobacter pylori* is also included. Most important recent reference on the subject are listed at the end of each chapter for further reading. I strongly recommend this book to all nurses and undergraduate students of medicine. Postgraduates in medicine may also enjoy reading this book as the information is short and summarized, but the book falls short on details in the subjects. This book will be a useful acquisition to all medical college libraries and postgraduate departments of medicine.

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