BOOK REVIEWS

CLINICAL PAEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY. Edited by V Thamilarasi. Published by Akshara, 303 Mount Road, Chennai 600 018 in 1999. 315 pages, paper bound price Rs.250/-

Paediatric Nephrology has distinguished itself as a distinct super speciality of Nephrology with many disease entities unique to paediatric population and still many other adult diseases traceable to their origin in childhood or in utero itself. The need for a separate book on Paediatric Nephrology, especially written in Indian context, has been recognised by Prof V Thamilarasi and the first edition of "Clinical Paediatric Nephrology" is of great benefit to medical fraternity is general and practising physicians in Paediatrics and Nephrology in particular.

PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY: AN INTRODUCTION Edited by N Archer M Burch. Published by Medical Imprint of Lippincott Eavan, London in 1988. 222 pages, Price £45/-, hard bound.

In recent years, there are few specialities that have advanced at as rapid a pace as paediatric cardiology. Without a sound theoretical background knowledge of subject a student would be at a loss when asked to examine a cardiac patient.

The book has presented paediatric cardiology in an integrated manner including the intricacies of examining a child with cardiac problems, the details of history taking and physical examination and

A System of Surgical Diagnosis including special Investigations and Differential Diagnosis, 3rd edition by Prof TN Patel. Published by Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi in 1998. 494 pages. Price Rs.250/-, soft cover. ISBN 81-7179-514-5.

I have gone through this book many times and found it fairly valuable for both undergraduates and postgraduates. The author is a very experienced teacher and Surgeon. Therefore, he understands the pulse of exam going medical students. The author has illustrated the approach to surgical diagnosis, differential diagnosis and investigation in very systematic way; as expected of exam going medical student (both UG/PG). The entire clinical material has been presented in very lucid manner.

Diagnostic and Operative Hysteroscopy (A Text and Atlas). Second edition. Edited by Baggish MS, Barbot J, Valle RF. Published by Mosby Inc, St Louis Missouri in 1999, 401 pages, Hard Bound, Price \$160/-, ISBN No.0-8151-0457-X.

Hysteroscopy has become a desirable diagnostic aid in modern gynaecological practice. A procedure that was practiced by relatively few physicians during 1980's expanded to involve a significant number of obstetricians and gynaecologists in late 1990's. The number is likely to increase in 21st century. However, there is paucity of good books entirely dedicated to hysteroscopy. The book contains more than 1000 illustrations. The authors believe that visual operative technique such as hysteroscopy are best taught by seeing rather than reading. Similarly, the clinical pathology is best learned and remembered by viewing gross and microscopic samples.

Efforts have been taken to cover the day to day common topics in Paediatrics Nephrology eg. nephrotic syndrome, acute renal failure, urinary tract infection, vesico ureteric reflux and hypertension in children, in detail. Inspite of the exhaustive list of topics, the authors have succeeded in formulating the book as a powerful stimulus to its readers to read further.

This book could be read with advantage by postgraduates in internal medicine and paediatrics.

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also essential feature of X-ray chest, electrocardiography and echocardiography. There are informative chapters on genetics, interventions and cardiac problems in infancy and older child.

This book is recommended for Paediatricians and nurses dealing with children with cardiac disorders, for residents and undergraduate and post graduate students.

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Fairly large number (1260) of clinical photographs creates an ever lasting visual impression. The highlight of this book is the unique introduction of common set play like computers and its role in clinical surgery, which holds great future for the medical student.

The book is very informative, readable and easy to understand for both UG/PG medical students. It is recommended for medical students (UG/PG), teachers and also practising surgeons.

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The book has been divided into seven major parts including History, Basic principal of endoscope, Patient preparation, Diagnostic techniques, Operative hysteroscopy, complications, Medicolegal issues and establishing a hysteroscopy programme

The book has been written in simple language and the contents are well presented. The senior author has two decades of experience in gynaecological endoscopies and his experience is amply reflected in the book. The book also provides answers to all the difficulties encountered by learning hysteroscopists. Due to high cost, the book is recommended for all hospital libraries.

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