BOOK REVIEWS

Neonatal Formulary. Compiled by the Northern neonatal Network. Published by BMJ Publishing group in 1998. 272 pages. Price 19.95 pound sterling.

This is one of the easily readable comprehensive books on neonatal pharmacopoeia; it is a concise wealth of practical guidelines not easily available in other books. There is specific and precise information of drug dilution, intravenous administration and adverse reactions. The last two sections deal with actual drugs, their usage, physiological and pharmacological effects, dosage and useful tips on how to handle, store and dispense. The drugs often ignored, viz

Neurology in Tropics. Edited by JS Chopra and IMS Sawhney. 1st ed. Published by BI Churchill Livingstone Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 1999. 692 pages. Hard bound. Rs.750/-. ISBN 81-7042-121-7.

The field of tropical neurology embraces those aspects of neurology primarily derived from the tropical zones. However, with fast migration of the populations, tropical neurological disorders are being increasingly seen in temperate zones. Ever since John D Spillane's first treatise on Tropical Neurology written in 1972, there has been very little reference in western literature to the widespread neurological disorders in the tropics.

Neurology in Tropics serves to address the need of the general physicians and the neurologists practising in the tropical countries. The book is a comprehensive review of the neurological disorders in the tropics and has been divided into 56 chapters classified under major sections viz. nutritional disorders and neurotoxicology, neuromuscular diseases, cerebral vascular disease, epilepsy, CNS infections, demyelinating diseases and degenerative disorders.

Infertility - A Comprehensive Text - IInd Edition by Machele M Seibel DID. Medical Director, Faul Kher Centre for Reproductive Medicine Associate Clinical Professor Surgery (Gynaecology); Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts. Published by Appleton and Lange, Stamford, CT.

This second edition of infertility - a comprehensive text has come as we approach the second millennium, Recombinant Technology, Micro manipulation, Molecular Genetics and egg donation have blurred the limits of reproductive life span. This has evoked enormous emotional ethical and legal considerations.

In this book reproductive physiology and endocrinology has been used as a vehicle for understanding infertility and its treatment. In

blood, blood products, oxygen, milk products and phototherapy have found adequate mention.

Overall, the text is written very well in a clear and easily readable manner. It is well referenced and supplied with information for further reading. I find this manual quite useful for clinical practice and all the neonatal units will benefit by having a copy.

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There is special section on history of tropical neurology and scope of future development of neurology in tropics. The clinical material is well supported by the recent technical developments in the field of neurology. The book elucidates well the differences in presentation of the neurological disorders as they manifest in tropical countries.

This book will be of immense value to the postgraduates, internists and neurologists practising in tropics. This book will also serve as a good reference work to the Western Neurologist. It is recommended for medical libraries in the Armed Forces and Civil Institutions.

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this edition three chapters on genetics and molecular biology have been added. Descriptive chapters have abundantly used illustrations for better understanding

This current, authoritative and comprehensive text book is must for practicing clinicians in numerous specialities caring for infertile patients.

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