

BOOK REVIEWS



Pediatrics : A Concise Text

RN SRIVASTAVA AND SK KABRA

Elsevier; New Delhi:

Pages: 310; Price: Not mentioned.

This compilation of 28 chapters with concise facts and some practice guidelines aims to avoid information overload in Pediatrics. Barring the first four chapters on child health, small foot prints of pediatric diseases or system disorders are left everywhere for students to hold in their head. Access to information has changed fundamentally and there is changing perspective between teachers and taught in the medical colleges. The writing style makes this concise text relevant or helpful to UG or PG students. It holds a key text for all doctors at all levels and in all settings. The chapter on diseases of kidney and urinary tract is full of wisdom and the ones on newborn and nervous system are an optimal blend of theory and practice. Some chapters like those on cardiovascular and respiratory disorders take latest developments into account with lucid expressions; however, chapter like the one on envenomation, neither factual or evidence based, can be misleading to the reader. Clinical photographs are far and few and at least one or two key references at the end of every chapter would enrich the text. It is an easy-to-read volume, colorfully typeset giving immediate access to measured information.

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Vitamin A and Beta Carotene are miracle workers

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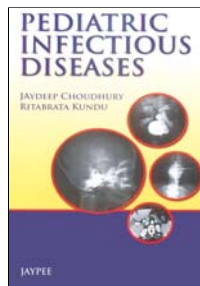
Gyan Publishing House; New Delhi:

Pages: 385; Price: Rs. 1150/-.

The book is a fascinating compilation. The author has described the importance of Vitamin A and Beta Carotene in human health with special reference to women and children. He has also described the role of Vitamin A and Beta Carotene in various health disorders. The book can be useful for the wide spectrum of readers including post-graduate students in the field of nutrition sciences and scientists working in the field of micronutrients deficiency disorders with special reference to vitamin A. Few data are old and require updating.

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Pediatric Infectious Diseases

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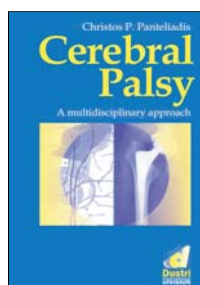
Jaypee Brothers; New Delhi:

Pages: 530; Price: Rs. 695/-

This book is another feather in the cap of the authors. First five chapters in section I emphasize the most essential preventive aspects of infectious diseases in the community and the hospital. Chapter on “antibiotic stewardship” is extremely valuable. Laboratory diagnosis of infections is highly crystallized and condensed to provide relevant information starting from basics to the most advanced techniques. Radiological images are of extremely good quality. Rational use of antibiotics provides valuable information in the selection, initiation and completion of antibiotic regimen. Management of important infections in a tropical country and infections in special situations are valuable and easily readable. The input of enough hard work and meticulous planning by the editors has resulted in a useful book, and it is now left to the pediatric practitioners, teachers and students to derive the maximum benefits.

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Cerebral Palsy

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This book is written by a team of neuropaediatricians, orthopaedicians, psychologists, epidemiologists, surgeons, physiologists and others. The book is comprehensive yet concise, and the language is easy to read and comprehend. The chapters are updated for the latest research on cerebral palsy, although little more on plasticity could have been included. The first half of the book deals with historical aspects, epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, and clinical features, while later half is devoted to management of cerebral palsy. Some details on ‘home based management, and ‘parent counseling’ would have added value, particularly for readers from resource poor countries. The quality of the print and photographs is good. This book should serve as an excellent resource for paediatricians, rehabilitation specialists and physicians working with children with cerebral palsy.

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