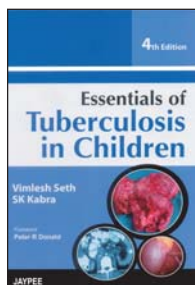


BOOK REVIEWS



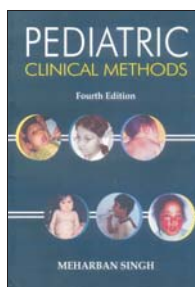
Essentials of Tuberculosis in Children

VIMLESH SETH AND SK KABRA
Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd; New Delhi
4th Edition, 2011.
Pages: 670; Price: 995/-.

The present version scores over all earlier editions in terms of contents, presentation, layout, readability and overall value for money. This is a unique textbook entirely devoted to all aspects of tuberculosis in children. The edition is well illustrated with tables and flowcharts. The book is divided into sections on epidemiology and microbiology, clinical spectrum, diagnosis, management and prevention of tuberculosis. The chapters are supplemented with case studies and frequently asked questions. The textbook provides extensive insight of each topic with focus on basic concepts, useful for postgraduate students. Highlights at the end of each chapter provide the reader with clear take home messages. All newer diagnostic and therapeutic modalities have been incorporated with emphasis on traditional methods. The book is strongly recommended for postgraduate students, academicians and practicing pediatricians.

Piyush Gupta

*Professor of Pediatrics,
University College of Medical Sciences,
New Delhi 110 095, India.*



Pediatric Clinical Methods

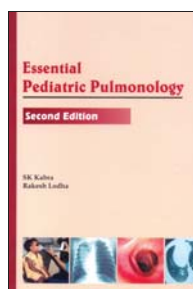
MEHARBAN SINGH,
Sagar Publication; New Delhi
Fourth Edition.
Pages: 404; Price: 450/-.

The clinical examination of infants and children is not only difficult and also different from adults and so we need a different approach and perspective while dealing with children. The highlights of the book are the inclusion of latest WHO growth charts and chapters on anthropometry, developmental assessment, approach to a dysmorphic child and examination of the newborn, in addition to traditional chapters dealing with various organ systems. A chapter on Hippocratic oath and medical ethics is a welcome addition. The book is full of illustrations, tables, and key points which will greatly

facilitate the learning process. Appendices contain a wealth of information on normative data in children. The book is printed on a good quality paper using a large print which enhances the visual appeal of the book and makes reading an enjoyable experience. Important points and messages are highlighted in shades of grey which make revision easy. The book is written by a well known name in Indian Pediatrics and Neonatology who has crystallized his vast clinical experience in this book. Overall it is a very well written book on clinical methods in children and will be extremely useful not only to undergraduate and postgraduate medical students but also to practitioners and faculty members.

ASHOK KUMAR,

*Professor of Pediatrics,
Department of Pediatrics,
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, UP 221 005. India.*



Essential Pediatric Pulmonology, Second Edition

SK KABRA AND RAKESH LODHA
*Noble Vision Medical Books
Publishers; New Delhi.*
Pages: 337, Price: 695/-.

The second edition includes several new chapters including those on anatomy and physiology of respiratory system, viral infections, pulmonary infections in immunocompromised hosts, eosinophilic lung diseases and pulmonary manifestations of rheumatological disorders. Chapters on bronchiolitis, asthma, tuberculosis, and cystic fibrosis, are well searched and are a must read for the postgraduates. However, there are other chapters that fall short of expectation and the most important of these is pneumonia. Treatment of pneumonia should have been in consonance with the IAP guidelines. Even noisy breathing and stridor needs more attention because of its importance. Good X-ray plates could have added to the value of the book. Index surely needs strengthening in the next edition. Many important chapters being written well and this edition being surely better than previous is important and welcome Indian attempt in the field of pulmonology. Even if not a complete book on pediatric pulmonology, it is good to acquire a copy.

GR Sethi,

*Director Professor of Pediatrics,
Maulana Azad Medical College,
New Delhi 110 002, India.*