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Seizures in Children and Adolescents.
Editors: G.P. Mathur & Sarla Mathur.
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Seizures are a common neurological symptom in children and adolescents. This book provides comprehensive yet concise reference material, addressing the full range of problems related to epilepsy that are faced in practice. The book has incorporated almost all the important topics and most of the chapters have been written by eminent doctors.

The highlight of the book is inclusion of adolescents, particularly the adolescent girl with epilepsy and other important topics like dental problems in epilepsy, psychological aspects of epilepsy and behavior therapy, first aid measures, health education, awareness, rehabilitation and employment of a person with epilepsy. Associated problems such as

Cerebral palsy and mental retardation have also been included.

Most of the chapters are written in an excellent manner giving simple and clear tables and flow charts as well as recent advances. The chapter on treatment gives detailed information on drug doses and can be used as a ready reference in practice.

The book can serve as a textbook as well as provide practical guidelines in the management of different types of seizure disorders and will be very useful to pediatricians, post graduate students, neurologists and physicians dealing with adolescents and children.

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Legal Problems in Day-to-Day Pediatric Practice. *Editors Mahesh Baldwa, Satish Tiwari and Nisha Shah. Publisher: M/s Paras Medical Publisher, 5-1-475, 1st Floor, Putlibowli, Jambagh Road, Hyderabad 500 095. India. Pages 1-161, Price Rs. 100.*

Medical professionals who were so far studying medical jurisprudence in their curriculum in undergraduate days, are engaged in studying medical negligence and deficiency of service and other legal matters, while they are practicing pediatrics now.

The book 'Legal Problems in Day to Day Pediatric Practice' have addressed the important and sensitive issues, which are of great concern not only to the pediatricians but to the Medical Fraternity as a whole.

The book directly focuses on the real and current problems faced by the medical practitioners and seeks to inform and update them about the legal provisions particularly after the implementation of the consumer protection act 2002.

The book systematically deals with varied

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topics ranging from medical negligence, wrong diagnosis, consent, criminal liability, judgement, do's and don'ts for doctors. In addition it addresses on the issue of medico-legal fitness for surgeons and ethical/legal issues in pediatric research.

The authors have done a pain staking work, by providing the recent case laws, which deal with almost all the situations likely to be faced during the day to day practice by medical practitioners.

In addition, an excellent description of prevention of medico-legal problems in practice in general has been well narrated and made easy to understand for the new medical professionals by quoting various landmark judgments in the country including Supreme Court of India.

The views about 'Problems and diagnosis' and emphasizing an important note, 'don't allow modern diagnostic tests to substitute your clinical acumen' is most in keeping with Indian

concept of ethics in medical profession. The balanced view adopted by the authors, in reminding the medical practitioners about their duties, ethics and morality, while telling them not to be fearful in practicing their noble profession needs to be complimented. 'Dos and Don'ts' is a must for a beginner to make changes in his behavior for a litigation free medical carrier.

The work of the authors would prove to be of immense help to junior as well as senior doctors and help them in serving the humanity. The book is highly recommended as a ready reckoner for all the practicing medical professionals.

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