

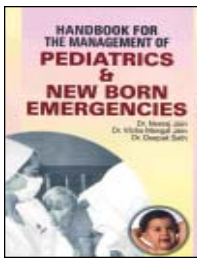
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Course (PEMC)

INDUMATHY SANTHANAM
New Delhi: Jaypee; 2008.
Pages: 184;
Price: Rs. 395/-

The publication deals with an important subspecialty of pediatrics. The book has 31 chapters dealing with management of common life threatening emergencies, written by eminent pediatricians. The book also has chapters dealing with procedures and setting up of emergency service. The management protocols are appropriate for the Indian scenario. The algorithms will be helpful in

implementing these protocols. The book is very well illustrated; the quality of pictures is excellent. Use of case scenarios makes the text more relevant and of practical utility. The chapters are well referenced. The quality of publication is excellent. I strongly recommend this book to both undergraduate and post-graduate students and also to health care professionals taking care of acutely sick children.

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Management of Pediatric and Newborn Emergencies

NEERAJ JAIN, VIBHA JAIN,
 DEEPAK SETH
New Delhi: All India Publishers
and Distributors; 2008.
Pages: 380;
Price: Rs. 239/-

Pediatrician practicing anywhere has to face the challenge of emergencies, day in and out. Authors have done fairly good job in covering most of the common neonatal and pediatric emergencies.

The book has 61 chapters. The first chapter emphasizes the importance of observation and looking at vital signs as well as on an ‘objective head to toe assessment’. Second chapter deals with important aspects of PICU but has no mention about NICU. Following chapters deal with the individual emergencies. All chapters begin with a short introduction. Tables are inserted at right places. Management steps are in accordance with general

accepted practices. Language is easy to understand. A bulleted format allows a fast pickup reading.

Last chapter of the book contains one subchapter on pediatric and neonatal procedures and three annexures providing practical information on all important drugs and dosages, laboratory values and other important information. These annexures can work as a ready reckoner.

The book has limitation that it will be useful for mainly level II care. For intensive care management probably one would need more detailed information. On the whole, this handbook can be of great help to resident doctors and interns in the care of critically ill children.

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A to Z Baby Care

MUKUL TIWARI

Gwalior:

White Peacock Books; 2008.

Pages: 164;

Price: Rs. 125/-

There have been several books on baby care and each has its own flavor. However, this is a totally different attempt to educate/guide the would be mothers with consideration to food and cultural preference of Indian society. It is a wonderful parent education book written in a simple language with methodical presentation.

The exposition of each concept is extremely lucid. The writer has spent considerable time in formulating the structure of the book, besides the contents. Of the 25 well written chapters, 2 chapters

are from renowned paediatricians as guest authors. Frequently asked questions are addressed at the end of every chapter. The book has incorporated all the latest international recommendations on baby care, in relevance to Indian scenario. The book scores well on front cover, production and layout. The lucid style makes reading pleasurable. Black and white photographs with better resolution and some good colour pictures would have added value to the book.

I recommend this book not only for the new and would be parents, but also for personal library of every medical practitioner.

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Red Book, 27th Edition

American Academy of Pediatrics

New Delhi: CBS Publishers and

Distributors;

First Indian Reprint 2008.

Pages: 992;

Price: Rs. 495/-

Red Book 2006 is 27th report of Committee of Infectious Diseases of American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). It consists of recommendations related to diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases with emphasis on immunization. First section deals with active and passive immunization. Various aspects as vaccines, immunoglobulins, administration schedule, information sources, adverse effect reporting and contraindications have been covered well. Vaccination guidelines for special situations, immunocompromised hosts, international travel and parent's misconceptions are explained well. Another section deals with recommendation for care of

children in special circumstances as in day care, disaster, blood safety and safety of human milk in various infections. Isolation and preventive strategies in day care and school against various infectious has been described.

Remaining book includes summary of all infectious diseases in alphabetical order. Various antibacterial, antiviral and antifungal drugs with their doses have been enumerated in the appendix. Though this book lacks bibliography, it is a ready guide for physicians, pediatricians and postgraduates for latest information in managing various situations related to pediatric infectious diseases.

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