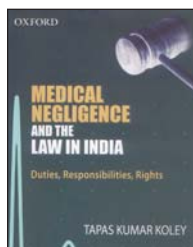

BOOK REVIEWS



Medical Negligence and the law in India

TAPAS KUMAR KOLEY
Delhi: Oxford University Press;
Pages 444, Price: Rs. 950.00.

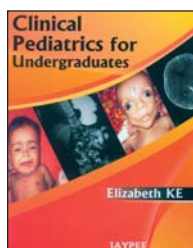
The book is a heroic effort by the author to create awareness about this “hot topic” in present scenario. The writer has started off well with introduction, doctor-patient conflict, rights and responsibilities, etc. But it seems that he has unnecessarily given more pages for calculation of compensation and CPA. A busy practitioner is more interested in how to protect himself from all these “unwanted gifts” of practising in 21st century.

The communication skills are very useful in minimizing the litigations but this aspect has been given only a passing reference and not discussed in details.

The appendix on statistics, studies on medical services and malpractice suits are indicative of exhaustive effort on part of the author. The glossary of medical terms in simple words is very useful. The author needs words of compliments and appreciation for single handedly writing on such a vital, debatable and exhaustive subject. Overall, the book seems to be a good reference book, high cost may be a prohibitory factor.

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Clinical Pediatrics for Undergraduates

KE ELIZABETH
New Delhi: Jaypee; 2009
Pages 348; Price Rs. 295/-.

Clinical Pediatrics for Undergraduates covers all the basics of Pediatrics that are essential for them. Common diseases are discussed as case-series arranged in a systemic manner. Sections on emergencies and community pediatrics are designed to empower the young graduates to master quality

health care. The book is thoroughly packed with information. However I would have preferred to have the new WHO growth charts instead of old WHO-NCHS percentiles.

The book is printed on good quality art paper in a pleasing two color format. The reading is enjoyable and not troublesome to eyes. I have no hesitation in recommending this book for undergraduate students in Pediatrics.

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