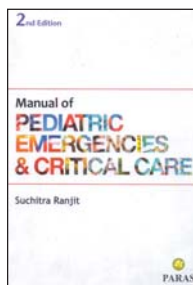


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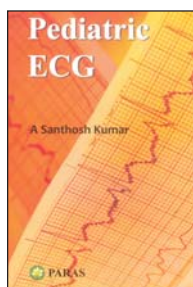


Manual of Pediatric Emergency and Critical Care

SUCHITRA RANJIT
*Paras Medical College;
Hyderabad, 2nd edition, 2010,
Pages: 552, Price: 495/-.*

This edition, quite expectedly displays Dr Ranjit's enormous clinical experience as a critical care expert. This edition has 83 chapters, well arranged in 17 sections and an *Appendix* dealing with protocols for procedures and drug doses. The book covers most of the important topics, but the emphasis is on Intensive Care; and several aspects of emergency care have been left out. A chapter on emergency triage and recognition of a 'critically ill child' would have been more appropriate as the first chapter. Chapters on neonatal emergencies, febrile encephalopathy, acute abdomen, excessive crying, acute heart failure and organization of PICU are also missing. A strong point of the book is a very well written section on infections. Strength of the book is uniformity of the presentation, and a large number of figures and illustrations also add to easy readability. The approach and format is user friendly. Bulleted points and boxes for easy reference make it attractive to those looking for quick information. Printing, paper quality, clarity of figures and photographs is good. The book is a good refresher for pediatricians. I would recommend it to residents looking for a quick overview of the common topics in pediatric critical care.

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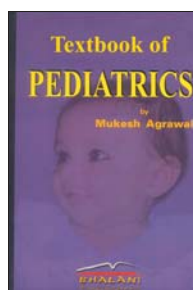
Pediatric ECG

A SANTOSH KUMAR
*Paras Medical Publisher,
Hyderabad, New Delhi,
1st Edition, 2010.
Pages: 190; Price: 225/-.*

Understanding Pediatric ECG has been a challenge for most practicing pediatricians, owing to age related and as well as diverse clinical conditions seen in pediatric population. This book is a welcome addition, written in a concise manner. The basic concepts have been well

explained. The examples have been carefully selected and are true representations of the condition. Text accompanying the ECG is descriptive and easy to understand. I also appreciate the design and the size of the book; it is small enough to be carried around for day-to-day working. A chapter on representative ECGs in congenital heart defects would have made this book wholesome and more useful.

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Textbook of Pediatrics

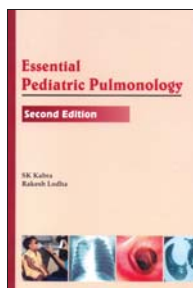
MUKESH AGRAWAL
*Bhalani Publishers, Mumbai,
Pages: 182; Price: 825/-.*

The book, aimed to serve as a text book for undergraduate medical students, has 30 chapters contributed by 27 eminent pediatricians. The book is quite comprehensive and has particularly exhaustive section on infectious diseases, genetics, neonatology, procedures and instruments, and organ specific disorders. The chapters are written in an easy to understand language and illustrated by good quality photographs.

The authors have not provided the currently recommended WHO growth charts and nomograms for surface area, blood pressure etc, in the book. Surprisingly there are no references at the end of the chapter. Some of the recommendations are not in accordance with Indian Academy of Pediatrics and government recommendations, including those on malaria, acute diarrhea and severe acute malnutrition. Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended for first 4-6 months. It is hoped that the author will update the book to current recommendations before the next print.

The quality of production is excellent and it is well illustrated with text boxes, tables, algorithms and clinical photographs. All in all, it is a comprehensive treatment of childhood disorders in a very reader friendly format.

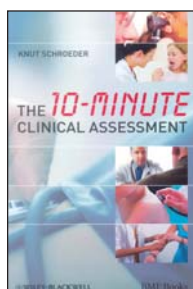
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Essential Pediatric Pulmonology, Second Edition
SK KABRA AND RAKESH LODHA
Noble Vision, Medical Book Publishers, New Delhi.
Pages: 337, Price: 695/-.

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.

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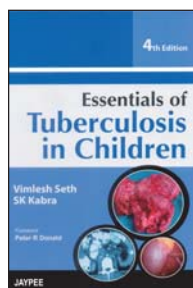
The 10 Minute Clinical Assessment - A Review
KNUT SCHROEDER
UK: Wiley-Blackwell;
Pages: 772;
Price: Not mentioned.

This 'Desk Top' reference Book consisting of 154 selected clinical situations is a treasure to be possessed by every practitioner facilitating in making quick clinical assessment of the patient's illness based on the complaints and arrive at a correct diagnosis for efficient management.

Though modern gadgets and sophisticated investigative procedures are becoming abundant day by

day, the importance of clinical assessment cannot be underplayed. One of my professors during my undergraduate training five decades ago, rightly said that "diagnosis of respiratory system is by INSPECTION; diagnosis of gastrointestinal and hepatic system diseases is by PALPATION; diagnosis of cardiovascular diseases is by AUSCULTATION and diagnosis of central nervous neurological disorders is by MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION". This book enlightens this maxim in its well written and well presented 18 chapters. This book guides the reader to assess the patient's complaints and symptoms and signs in 10 minutes and arrive at a correct diagnosis for accurate management, and refer if needed. This book guides the reader. I strongly recommend this book for a practicing doctor's office.

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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.

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