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BOOK REVIEW

Principles & Practice of Emergency Medicine *Praveen Aggarwal, LR Hurmu, C.S. Yadav, BI Publication Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2005*

In the last three decades, medical science has advanced so rapidly that it is difficult to keep pace with the newer knowledge. With the availability of newer diagnostic tool and intervention technique, management of medical disorders has revolutionized and it is extremely difficult for medical practitioners to keep abreast with the advancement.

Medical emergencies constitute an important part of medical practice. Correct diagnosis, prompt and appropriate treatment are essential and life saving. One not only requires the presence of mind but also the speed and confidence to tackle the medical emergencies.

Management of emergencies is the most demanding and stressful aspect of medical training. Very few books on emergencies are available written by Indian authors and they mostly cover only one type of emergency.

This book written by Dr. Praveen Agarwal additional Prof. of Medicine, Dr. L.R. Murmur additional Prof. of Surgery and Dr. C.S. Yadav, associate Prof. of Orthopaedics, includes the general medical, surgical and orthopaedics emergencies. The authors being on the faculty of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, new Delhi have extensive experience in managing the emergencies in their respective fields. They have designed the book in such a way that the doctor can manage the patients in a much more effective manner.

The pathophysiology has been discussed in brief while more emphasis has been laid on clinical features, differential diagnosis and management of the clinical problems. Each chapter starts with an initial approach to a patient presenting with an emergency. The diagnostic and therapeutic aspects are dealt with in a stepwise manner. A large number of tables and flow diagrams are provided for quick reference. In view of the above, this book will help the doctors immensely in rendering effective and safe care to acutely sick or injured patients. This book will be an asset to medical students, residents and practitioners in managing their emergency cases.

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