

BOOK REVIEW

Munro Kerr's **OPERATIVE OBSTETRICS**, 10th Edition, Published by "Bailliere Tindall", 35, Red Lion Square, London W.C., IR, 4SG, now brought out in its Indian Edition by K. M. Varghese Co., P.O. Box 7119, Bombay.

This textbook of Operative Obstetrics has provided guide-lines to the practicing obstetrician for almost 75 years.

The book now going through its tenth edition has been thoroughly revised and updated by Dr. P. R. Myerscough.

The book has been divided into 7 parts dealing with the introduction, foetal causes of dystocia, contracted pelvis and cephalopelvic disproportion, problems due to soft tissues, operative procedures, obstetric haemorrhage and perinatal complications, spread out over about 500 pages of well printed, double spaced columns. The text is profusely illustrated with suitable diagrams, charts and photographs, and suitably appended with an exhaustive bibliography to provide for reference for further study.

Of particular interest is the importance given to modern clinical and investigative tools in obstetric management. Partography has been given its due importance, and reference to value of hormonal estimation, ultrasonography and electronic biophysical foetal heart rate monitoring emphasised in the context of present day practice.

Although the general approach and style of the textbook have been largely retained, newer developments have been suitably incorporated. The broad perspectives have not been lost sight of, hence its value for obstetricians practicing in different parts of the world, and under different circumstances still holds good with suitable modifications to meet individual needs.

Chapters dealing with topical prostag-

landins for cervical ripening, induction of labour, the use of the ventouse and trophoblastic disease, are excellent and call for special attention. I am sure this book will fulfil a long cherished need for the students of obstetrics and gynaecology and the practitioner of this speciality.

Dr. S. N. Daftary

GENITO URINARY CANCER SURGERY: by E. David Crawford and Thomas A. Borden

This is an excellent publication. The book is essentially devoted to urologists dealing with genito-urinary cancer and to the oncological surgeons. Chapters on pelvic examination in females and technique of ureterointestinal conduit are also of help to the practising gynaecologists doing oncological work.

It is indeed nice to see relevant ancillary procedures, e.g. intestinal, vascular and thoracic surgery, related to urological cancer work. Quite a few surgical procedures are depicted by excellent line diagrams and explained in a lucid and simple expression.

A brief but precise chapter, each on chemotherapy and radiation therapy in various cancers depicts the present day status of these modalities of treatment.

An additional chapter on ovarian cancer (ovarian pathology) and its treatment would have been of immense help for the surgeons as well as the gynaecologists.

On the whole, this is an excellent monograph on genito-urinary cancer surgery and is sure to find a berth on the shelf of a busy oncological surgeon, urologist and gynaecologists.

Dr. V. N. Purandare,

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SOCIETIES OF INDIA**

**The XIth World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics will be held in
Berlin (West) from 15th to 21st September 1985.**

Dr. Ajit Mehta
Hon. General Secretary,

The Federation of Obstetric and
Gynaecological Societies of India.

First annual conference of the Indian Society of Clinical Oncology, Feb. 1-4-1984, at New Delhi, The Conference is meant for all specialities (Surgery, Gynaecology, Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy, Medical Oncology, Basic Sciences). For details contact the Organising Secretary, Dr. Mrs. R. Sarin, Assoc. Professor of Surgery, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi-110 029.