

BOOK REVIEW

POSTGRADUATE REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY: Published by Prof. R. Rajan, M.D., Head of the Infertility Unit, Medical College, Kottayam (Kerala), and Chairman—"Infertility Committee of FOGSI.

The First Edition is a valuable contribution to this important field of our speciality. The Book comprises of 30 chapters well spaced out over about 600 pages.

The last decade has witnessed the establishment and acceptance of sophisticated diagnostic procedures, and medications which have helped to revolutionise treatment modalities. It is now within the reach of clinicians to manipulate hormones with the object of controlling reproductive performance to achieve goals and objectives planned for individual patients.

The book deals with the basic principles of endocrinology to enable the student to acquire a firm foundation. Further chapters deal with the biology and pharmacology of the hormones influencing the reproductive process.

After familiarising the student with the basics of reproductive endocrinology, Dr. Rajan goes on to the therapeutic applications of investigational methods like hormone assays and ultrasonography. He has lucidly elaborated on the diagnostic values of these tests and their importance in monitoring therapy.

In my opinion, the particular highlights of this book are chapters 16, 19, and 21 in which he illustrates his teachings by alluding to his own personal experiences with the commonly used drugs.

These chapters are a must for all practitioners of our speciality. The nuances of the art of hormonal manipulation and its finer aspects which help in acquiring expertise leading to excellent results well brought out by him.

In clinical practice, the male factor contributes substantially to the infertile state in almost a third of our cases. Dr. Rajan has meticulously dealt with this important facet of the problem in chapters 29 and 30.

Finally the foundations for those who wish to indulge in In-vitro fertilisation and GIFT are well laid out in chapter 28 of this book.

I congratulate the author on this magnificent publication. It is a must for all students wishing to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology. For those who specialise in infertility, this book by a master of the art would be a compendium for ready reference to find answers to vexatious clinical problems.

I recommend that all medical libraries should have this book on their shelves for easy accessibility.

As President of the FOGSI, I am proud that Dr. Rajan has associated this work with the activities of the federation.

Dr. S. N. Daftary,
President—FOGSI

Principles of Obstetrics by Professor Bryan M. Hibbard, Published by Butterworths International Edition. Obstetrics is as much science as art. It has become a broad base subject. This text-book is a comprehensive and readable account of present-day obstetrics. It deals with from

conception to the care of the new-born in 43 good chapters. A single authority has given it a uniformity of presentation with lucid and logical discussion. It is extensively and excellently illustrated with photographs and line drawings. In this exhaustive volume the author has made every effort to ensure that it reflects the highest modern standards of Obstetrics practice. This book has extensive and exhaustive recent references which gives it good backing.

Though this book is primarily meant for those preparing for higher examinations in this speciality, it is most suitable for other medical students midwives and one and all involved in Modern practice of Obstetrics. I recommend it to all medical library for its excellent references.

Book reviewed by
Dr. M. Y. Raval

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