

BOOK REVIEW

BASIC SCIENCE FOR OBSTETRICS AND

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ONE part of MRCOG part 1. It may also prove useful to students preparing for M. D. examinations in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, though they need a little more detail. The chapters on cell biology, embryology and placenta are written well, except that a little more information on placental function would have been welcome. The discussion on growth is interesting. The chapter on anatomy is well illustrated with line diagrams. The chapters on general physiology and biochemistry, endocrinology and pathology are written well. There should have been more information on proteins in the chapter on immunology for tropical countries. There is a lot of information in tabular form in the chapter on pharmacology, which should prove useful to both students and practitioners. The brief chapter on statistics defines a number of terms and will be useful for understanding the subjects from a text book. This book is the result of a lot of work by the authors, and should be used by students, since they will get all this information without going through the same efforts at collecting information themselves. It may also interest practitioners who wish to keep in touch with the recent developments in the basic sciences.

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