

Book Reviews

Frontiers in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Second Edition

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The first edition of this book was based on scientific advances in the speciality discussed by experts during the International Conference on "New Frontiers in Obstetrics & Gynaecology" held in Bombay in November 1994. The conference attempted to acquaint the busy practitioners with the latest technological advances in the speciality. The goal of the conference was to help the practitioners to update their knowledge about the "State of the art" in contemporary times and provide them with the opportunity to interact with the experts. The demand for obtaining the proceedings of the conference was so great, that the organisers of the conference deemed it fit to print an entire number devoted to this academic meet. This resulted in the publication of the first Edition in 1995. Continued demand for the book prompted the editors to update the first edition and place the revised second edition before the profession.

Several authors drawn from different parts of India and Foreign dignitaries participating in the conference have contributed to this publication. The range of subjects covered include perinatology, medical disorders complicating pregnancy, First trimester disorders, infections in obstetrics and gynaecology, Progress in Imaging Sciences, infertility management, Gynaec. endocrinology and progress in operative obstetrics, gynaecology and endoscopy. Special attention has been accorded to gynaec. oncology, family planning and a section devoted to the challenges in the next millenium.

It is highly recommended to the practitioner who wishes to have an update in the speciality, and to the postgraduate student wishing to familiarise himself with the advances taking place at the frontiers of our speciality.

I congratulate the authors for their efforts and look forward to future editions of the book in the years to come.

Dr. S. N. Daftary

Differential Diagnosis & Management Options in Gynaecology & Obstetrics.

By. Prof. Shashank V. Parulekar, Popular Prakashan, Mumbai

In a good clinical practice diagnosis must proceed treatment. Patients come to us for relief of their complaints or symptoms. The expertise of the clinician lies in arriving at a diagnosis the cause or disease process that has given rise to the problems of the patients. The essence of diagnosis lies in differential diagnosis ie considering all possible causes or pathologies that possibly can lead to the symptoms the patients is suffering from and arriving at the condition that the particular patient is afflicted with. This involves elimination of all but one of the various different probable causes by clinical examination and appropriate investigations. This process as it should go through the mind

of the clinician at different stages is beautifully represented by Prof. Shashank Parulekar in the form of flow charts. His flow charts are so exhaustive and all inclusive that a clinician need rarely think beyond them. In addition, the book also gives in brief the appropriate line of treatment. The sections on therapeutics, genetic counselling and laboratory values are valuable additions. Prof. Parulekar's vast experience in treating patients and teaching medical students, both undergraduate, and postgraduate is well reflected in this book. The book will give a less experienced clinician the expertise, judgement and wisdom of a very senior and highly respected colleague. The format of the book is dictated by the need to present the flow charts properly. The book is efficiently designed and presented by the publishers. This compact book encloses within its covers almost entire practical clinical gynecology and obstetrics and is a must for every practitioner in the field and all post graduate students.

Dr. Mahendra Parikh.

Endosonography in Obstetrics & Gynecology

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The advent of ultrasonography and its phenomenal development and growth over the short period of its existence have revolutionised clinical practice in many specialities. The arrival of high frequency endoprobes and color doppler are remarkable developments complimenting and supplementing our clinical wisdom. In our field of Obstetrics and Gynecology sonography has become absolutely indispensable today. Besides, our's is a rare speciality where the clinician himself scans his patients sonographically. A large number of gynaecologist indulge in sonography - abdominal as well as transvaginal. Most books on ultrasonography come from sonologists. There was a great need for a book on endosonography by a gynecologist giving emphasis on clinical perspectives. Dr. Allahabadia, whose interest and skill in sonography is widely known and highly appreciated, has aptly and efficiently filled in this void by presenting us this excellent volume on Endosonography in Obstetrics and Gynecology. It is very creditable that he has a number of internationally reputed authorities contributing to this excellent book. The book covers all aspects of endosonography relevant to our clinical practice including newer developments like color dopplerr, transperitoneal ultrasound and interventional procedures. It was thoughtful of Dr. Allahabadia to have included a chapter on M.R.I. In spite of such extensive coverage and broad authorship the book makes a lucid reading. Practicing obstetrician and gynaecologist will find in this volume almost everything that he needs to know about endosonography. Besides, radiologists and sonologists will also find this volume very useful. The book is beautifully designed and all illustrations including sonographic pictures and color plates are excellent. I have no hesitation in recommending this book to every gynecologist, to every college library and to everybody interested in or practicing endosonography.

Dr. Mahendra Parikh.