

BOOK-REVIEW

High Risk Pregnancy Management Options

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This book on High Risk Pregnancy is of great value to practising obstetricians and post-graduates. It has systematically covered all the areas which put pregnancy at risk. It has chapters covering a wide range from pre-pregnancy education to critical care of obstetric patient. The panel of contributors are leaders in their field from U.S.A. Europe and Australia. The book gives special emphasis on the management options and these are highlighted very well in boxes. Chapters such as infectious disease in pregnancy cover even tropical diseases such as malaria along with summary of management options. The sub-titles of the chapters make the subject easy to comprehend. For example, the fetal cardiac anomalies are extremely well described and questions such as when should fetal echocardiography be performed are answered. Method of assessment, normal fetal cardiac anatomy, cardiac structural anomalies, Doppler examination of structurally abnormal heart and management options are well presented. There is emphasis on evidence based facts and management options. The illustrations are very good with flow charts, line diagrams and explanatory tables. Many authors have taken tremendous pains in reference work with more than 130 references in some of the chapters. The chapters on skin disease, autoimmune disease, anaesthesia for high risk parturients and medical problems such as thromboembolic disease, renal disease, neuromuscular diseases and hemtological conditions are well covered. The Chapters on maternal and fetal viral infections is very exhaustive with 319 references covering maternal and fetal risks of viral infections such as Measles, Rubella, Varicella-Zoster virus, Cytomegalovirus, hepatitis B and HIV etc. The book is very comprehensive but could have been divided into 2 or 3 sections. The section on fetal abnormalities gives great details and all obstretricians may be interested in such details. In fact if it was a separate volume, many neonatologists would buy that volume. Besides the book has 1385 pages and becomes voluminous.

I do hope the book will have affordable Indian editions specially for our post-graduates. It is a must for all those interested in perinatology and for every department library.

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Manual of Practical Obstetrics & Gynaecology

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Textbooks are indispensable sources of knowledge and information. But they are not adequate to prepare a student for practical examination. Students need guidebooks written specifically to help them to face practical and oral examinations. Dr. Virkud has written this manual keeping this need of students in view. His large experience as teacher and examiner is reflected in this manual. He has paid meticulous attention to all aspects of practical examinations - undergraduate as well as postgraduate. Every student appearing for examination will find this moderately priced invaluable. Incidentally, a practicing clinician will also find this manual to be of help in his day to day practice. Dr. Virkud needs to be complimented on producing a good book of great utility.

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