

Book Review

Obstetric Medicine

Obstetric Medicine is yet another book in the well-known series 'Obstetrics and Gynecology in Perspective' from Orient Longman., under the able editorship of Raman and Chia, and series editorship of Krishna and Sheriar. It is a multiauthor book, each chapter written by a specialist in his or her own field. It adheres to the need of the practicing obstetricians and postgraduate students of reference material, for which the series was planned. Medical disorders in pregnancy can seriously affect the maternal and fetal well being. It is essential that the obstetrician is well conversant with various medical disorders that may be affected adversely by a pregnancy, and that can affect the mother and fetus adversely. A decision needs to be made as to when to intervene, and when to ask for specialist help. This book offers a review of recent literature and clinical procedures, an evaluation of the technology and management, and an indication of the direction in which future research will take place. There are chapters on disorders in cardiology, endocrinology, hematology, immunology, nephrology, neurology, and respiratory medicine. The book covers disorders that are more common in south and Southwest Asia. The editors have pointed out that exhaustive coverage of all medical disorders has not been possible due to restraints like size of the book. However it should prove useful to most practitioners and students alike. The editors must consider including chapters on sexually transmitted diseases, dermatology, and psychiatry in the future editions of the book, so that it will be even more useful.

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