

Books

Advances in Pediatric Pulmonology. Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine Vol. 7

Edited by E Kerem, G J Canny, D Branski and H Levison.
Pp. viii + 172. SwFr198/DM237/US\$172.25. Basel: Karger.
1997. ISBN 3-8055-6382-5.

This volume presents a number of well researched articles, covering a wide spectrum of the diseases encountered both by the general paediatrician and the paediatric pulmonologist. Most chapters cover their topic in a 'broad' fashion, offering guidance on both differential diagnosis and treatment options (medical and/or surgical) important in the management of these diseases. This is not a comprehensive paediatric pulmonology textbook, but rather focuses on more recent advances in the field and, while being concise, the reader wishing to research an area more deeply, is provided with a lengthy list of references at the end of each chapter.

Topics covered include up-to-date management and prevention strategies in paediatric asthma, highlighting the importance of patient education, ensuring the success of his/her therapy. Alteration in epithelial ion transport is used as a model for deranged cell function and modification of 'epithelial' function explored to highlight new and innovative treatment strategies.

Radiological evaluation of the chest is discussed elegantly

Best sellers

The top three best selling books from the MASA Multimedia Book Department in the last month were:

Handbook of Current Diagnosis and Treatment

edited by Roy Pounder and Mark Hamilton. R175. Churchill Livingstone/Current Medicine. ISBN 0-443-05601-3.

How to survive Anaesthesia by P Neville Robinson and George M Hall. R220. BMJ. ISBN 0-7279-1066-3.

Handbook of Emergencies in General Practice (second edition)

by Norman Lawrence, Joanna Watts, Richard Harrington and Sally Hope. R137.50. Oxford Medical Publications.
ISBN 0-19-262545-4.



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in a chapter on newer imaging techniques. Physicians treating patients with chronic lung diseases will benefit from the chapters categorising these diseases, and those on gastro-oesophageal reflux, apnoea, pulmonary involvement in systemic inflammatory disorders and toxic effects of drugs and chemicals on the respiratory system.

Bronchoscopy as a diagnostic and therapeutic tool is covered, and the benefits of the various techniques highlighted. Finally, paediatricians caring for children with 'end stage' lung disease, where transplantation becomes an option, are given a practical and realistic approach to the subject.

This volume should appeal to registrars in paediatrics, general paediatricians and specialist pulmonologists alike. It cannot replace older, more extensive texts on paediatric pulmonology, but should act as a rapid first-line reference book on the topics covered, assisting bedside management of patients with respiratory disease.

S Klugman

Prevention and Control of Pain in Children. A Manual for Health Care Professionals*

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. Pp. xi + 116. £18. London: BMJ. 1997. ISBN 0-7279-1178-3.

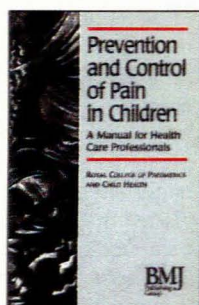
This excellent manual for health professionals, is based on the findings of a workshop of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (London), chaired by Professor David Southall.

The book provides an overview and approach to the management of pain in childhood. Pain control is considered to be an essential aspect of all paediatric services. The writers demonstrate a holistic approach and consider the environment in which children are cared for and the involvement of children and their parents in the management of pain, in addition to providing information on the drugs and therapeutic principles relevant to the control of pain.

The book begins with a review of the general principles of pain control in children and then moves on to a detailed consideration of pain and anxiety control in a variety of different clinical settings. Topics covered include acute pain, postoperative pain, pain associated with chronic disease (including rheumatoid conditions and oncology), pain associated with procedures, pain in the intensive care unit, pain associated with sickle cell disease and pain in the neonatal period.

The approach is simple (although never simplistic) and eminently implementable. Detailed information about common analgesic and sedative drugs is provided, covering mode of action, side-effects (and suggestions of minimising these) and mode of administration.

There is a very commendable emphasis on techniques for the ongoing assessment of pain and pain control in children.



A variety of charts are provided together with excellent references and sources of resource material.

The book is primarily directed at clinicians caring for children although administrators and health care policy makers would also find the book of interest. Junior and senior clinicians alike will find useful information in this text, at a very reasonable price.

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Books received

The receipt of these books is acknowledged, and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the sender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits. The *SAMJ* does not publish unsolicited reviews.

Promoting Health Through School.* Report of a WHO Expert Committee of Comprehensive School Health Education and Promotion. WHO Technical Report Series No. 870. Pp. vi + 93. SwFr17. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-129870-8.

Aluminium.* Environmental Health Criteria No. 194. WHO. Pp. xx + 282. SwFr60/US\$54. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-157194-2.

Application of the International Classification of Diseases to Neurology (ICD-NA)* Second Edition. WHO. Pp. xi + 574. SwFr182/US\$163.80. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-154502X.

South African Cookbook for Food Allergies and Food Intolerance.* By Hilda Lategan. Pp. 145. R59.95. Pretoria: J L van Schaik. 1997. ISBN 0-627-023207.

Proceedings of the 8th World Congress on Pain.* Progress in Pain Research and Management Volume 8. Edited by Troels S Jensen, Judith A Turner and Zsuzsanna Wiesenfeld-Hallin. Pp. xvi + 965. Seattle: IASP Press. 1997. ISBN 0-931092-18-3.

Molecular Neurobiology of Pain.* Progress in Pain Research and Management Volume 9. Edited by David Borsook. Pp. xii + 369. Illustrated. US\$76. Seattle: IASP Press. 1997. ISBN 0-931092-19-1.

Vitamin A Supplements. A Guide to their Use in the Treatment and Prevention of Vitamin A Deficiency and Xerophthalmia.* Second edition. Prepared by the WHO/UNICEF/IVACG Task Force. Pp. vi + 28. SwFr14/US\$12.60. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-154506-2.

Infection.* Oxford General Practice Series 40. By Lesley Southgate, Cameron Lockie, Shelley Heard and Martin Wood. Pp. vii + 467. R335. New York: Oxford University Press. 1997. ISBN 0-19-262092-4.

Medicine and the Internet. Introducing Online Resources and Terminology.* Second edition. By Bruce C McKenzie. Pp. 353. Illustrated. R217. New York: Oxford University Press. 1997. ISBN 0-19-262852-6.

Quality Assurance of Pharmaceuticals. A Compendium of Guidelines and Related Materials.* Volume 1. WHO. Pp. vi + 238. SwFr50/US\$45. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-154504-6.

A South African Traditional Healers' Primary Health Care Handbook.* Compiled and edited by Taryl Felhaber and Isaac Mayeng. Pp. xviii + 248. Illustrated. R35. Cape Town: Kagiso. 1997. ISBN 0-620-21523-2.

Drugs used in Skin Diseases.* WHO Model Prescribing Information. Pp. iv + 126. SwFr35/US\$31.50. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-140106-0.