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Book Review

Common Eye Diseases and their Management

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This is a single authored textbook which presents the subject in a problem-orientated manner. It is intended for medical students and non-specialist postgraduates. The text is concise, well written and illustrated.

The book contains five sections.

In the first section the scope and the historical background of ophthalmology, the anatomy of visual organs, and the most commonly used methods of examination are briefly described.

The second section consists of seven chapters dealing with common diseases of the anterior segment of eye, their diagnosis and simple treatment.

Section III deals with the diagnosis and principles of management of such eye diseases as cataract, glaucoma, etc., which are mainly treated surgically.

Section IV covers the diagnosis and medical treatment of inflammations, congenital defects, aging process, and ocular symptoms of the systemic diseases. The chapters dealing with the eye manifestations of systemic diseases, the neuro-ophthalmology, and the genetics are particularly helpful to general practitioners.

The last but important section is concerned with the problem of blindness, its incidence, causes, and prevention.

The material for this book is drawn from the author's experience in clinical teaching. One of the distinguishing features of this book is that the important points and common eye diseases are repeatedly stressed, while the rare conditions are touched upon or even entirely omitted. This is a very good policy for the heavily burdened medical students.

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