Review of “The Nurse Practitioner in Urology”

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There is a great need in the world for skilled urologic practitioners. Urology physician extenders such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants and specialty trained medical assistants will be needed more and more in order to deliver timely and appropriate care to urologic patients. The office practice manual “The Nurse Practitioner in Urology” is now available and has the potential to become a main resource for office practice in urology. Written by urology nurse practitioners with over 32 years of urologic experience between them, the book serves as a guide for physician extenders in order to provide expert high quality cost effective care for adult urology patients. The book to me is so well written and practical that it may serve as a resource for office urologists themselves. The chapter highlights pertinent pathophysiology, assessment and diagnostics specific to GU conditions and promotes advanced critical thinking

for physician extenders specializing in urology. The chapters are written with clinical pearls and practical resources that may be of value not only to physician extenders, but clinicians and patients themselves. In addition to standard outpatient management of both benign and malignant urological conditions, there are chapters on transitioning pediatric urology patients to adult environments, men’s health including low testosterone, erectile dysfunction and infertility, and newer concepts with regard to urinary retention and underactive bladder. The book emphasizes evidence based medicine and the resources necessary to practice in that fashion. The book is user friendly and easy to navigate. “The Nurse Practitioner in Urology” will be a valued asset to all mid-level providers, physician extenders and specialists in the office based practice in urology. I suspect it will be a valued asset to busy state-of-the-art urological offices.

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