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Pediatric Nephrology, 2nd edition, published by oxford university press is an eye catcher. The first thing that one likes about this book is the impressive size, which makes it handy and easy to carry. The first edition of the book was released in 2007 and was a big hit throughout the world leading to the release of a well edited and updated 2nd edition. Dr Lesley Rees, who is the lead author of the book, is a senior pediatric nephrologist and head of pediatric nephrology at Great Ormond Street Hospital for children, London, UK. She is a vibrant lady with loads of experience in teaching, clinical practice and research.

The information provided in the book is concise, to the point and apt from a hand book perspective. It covers entire spectrum of pediatric renal diseases in a well structured, reader friendly format, providing information in a nut shell for quick reference. There are a lot of tables and algorithms in the book, making it simple and easy to understand. The

color plates on renal histopathology are also well illustrated. The first chapter on patient assessment is something very exclusive to this book, dealing with general history taking in a pediatric patient with suspected renal disease. Chapter on electrolyte homeostasis, which has been written in a very simplified manner, adds to the strength of the book. The suggested readings at the end of each chapter and internet links to current literature are worth a mention.

Book review is incomplete if deficiencies are not pointed out. The only thing missing was the diastolic blood pressure charts for boys and girls in various age groups in the appendix which could have been added along with the systolic blood pressure charts. Leaving aside this minor drawback, the book is a must buy for all pediatric residents, pediatric consultants, intensive care specialists, pediatric nephrology consultants and all medical care providers for children with renal diseases.

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