Book Review

Osteonecrosis

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This book is a well illustrated monogram on the problem of avascular necrosis in India. The book starts with good illustrations of the pathological specimen of osteonecrosis. Natural history of the disease is described. There is detailed information of osteonecrosis in sickle cell disease. Though there is required description of pathogenesis of osteonecrosis but histological observations are described very well in a tabulated form. The topic of bone marrow oedema and transient osteoporosis has been very well described. The book also describes femoral head salvage techniques. The procedures TFL grafting, iliac crest grafting, vascularized fibular grafting with core decompression are well described. The book describes epidemiology and management region wise as well like osteonecrosis of humeral head, femoral condyle and talus bone etc. The text is informal at many places making it very lucid to read and understand. Quality of writing is good; the text is not very small and still puts in a lot of information on the subject. The book is organized well in its contents with special focus on different manifestations of the disease.

However, the book lacks information about newer technologies, i.e. mononuclear cell grafts, trabecular metal usage, BMP's etc., in management of osteonecrosis.

This book is likely to be useful to all orthopaedic surgeons and especially those interested in hip pathology as this disease is one of the most common causes of hip disability.

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