BOOK REVIEW

Book entitled Pediatric Clinical Methods: Meharban Singh (ed)

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"Pediatric clinical methods" written by Professor Meharban Singh is an excellent book on clinical examination and the interpretation of the findings in pediatric practice. Professor Meharban Singh with his vast experience in the field of pediatrics has used all his clinical acumen and writing skills to compile this valuable book. The book contains the arts and science of pediatric history taking, clinical examination and diagnosis. The book contains beautiful illustrations, algorithmic approach to diagnosis and photographs indicating the methods of examination. The importance of holistic approach in the clinical examination of a pediatric patient has been aptly emphasized in the book. The book contains important informations like immunization schedule, WHO growth chart, important developmental milestones and some important clinical photographs for easy understanding for the clinicians.

Pediatrics history taking and examination is different than adults and that has been excellently conveyed by Professor Meharban Singh with his simple and easily understandable language. The book reflects Professor Meharban Singh's highest level of caliber, excellent clinical acumen and understanding of the subject.

The abnormal physical signs and their interpretations in arriving at clinical diagnosis shall be a bonus for practicing pediatricians and resident doctors. The historical aspects of oaths and codes for medical practitioners are important and interesting collections which should be known by all medical personals.

The chapter on "ethical and legal issues in clinical practice" is of immense value for all medical practitioners. In the era of consumer protection act, the book highlights guidelines for making ethical decisions and professional qualities, duties and attributes of a pediatrician.

The book contains WHO growth chart on weight, height, weight/height, head circumference which can be used as excellent ready reckoner. The book also highlights important and key points in boxes at each chapter.

I am sure the book would be of immense help for all medical graduates, postgraduates in pediatrics and for all practicing pediatricians and should be kept in their desktop.

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