Oh's Intensive Care Manual, 7th Edition

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This 7th edition of the popular *Oh's Intensive Care Manual* is systematically organized with contributions from authors who are primarily from the United Kingdom and Australia. The chapter sections listed within *Oh's Intensive Care Manual* include: Organizational Aspects, Shock, Acute Coronary Care, Respiratory Failure, Gastroenterological Emergencies and Surgery, Acute Renal Failure, Neurological Disorders, Endocrine Disorders, Obstetric Emergencies, Infections and Immune Disorders, Severe and Multiple Trauma, Environmental Injuries, Pharmacological Considerations, Metabolic Homeostasis, Hematological Management, Transplantation, and Pediatric Intensive Care.

By opening with a collection of chapters on the organization, design, and ethics in critical care – topics which are often relegated to the back (and often unread portion) of textbooks – the editors of the manual depart from the typical approach used in many texts. For the Canadian critical care professional, these chapters provide an interesting insight into the structure of care in intensive care units (ICUs) overseas including the examination process for critical care trainees outside of Canada.

Many of the individual chapters within each section are devoted in part to a review of the pertinent physiology. The chapters in the cardiac and respiratory section are especially concise and are not overwrought with detailed formulae; however, several classes of antibiotics have been

omitted from the chapter on the principles of antibiotic use. Fungal infections and their management are not addressed in any detail. Overall, the editors have maintained a conversational tone throughout the text, similar to that of a senior colleague distilling the essentials of each topic to trainees. I would regard the level of detail throughout this manual as appropriate reading for a mid-level resident completing an ICU rotation. A critical care fellow looking for a comprehensive review of critical care for the Canadian Royal College exam would need to supplement this textbook with additional study material, particularly as many chapters reference European guidelines.

Oh's Intensive Care Manual has an accompanying eBook access through the *Inkling* application, which is accessible with a web browser or via a dedicated smartphone/tablet application. Easy to navigate, the best feature of the online text is the insertion of pop-up windows to view the accompanying figures. The *Inkling* application also allows the reader to highlight text and add notes or bookmarks to the text.

Overall, *Oh's Intensive Care Manual* would represent a solid addition to any anesthesia departmental library as a resource or study aid.

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