

are uniformly subtitled so basic physiology, anatomy, clinical presentation, diagnosis and management can quickly be scanned for practical advice or can be studied in depth as needed. Each chapter concludes with a summary and pertinent references for a quick overview or detailed study, whether by the seeking student or the reflecting surgeon.

Illustrations and tables, although not profuse, seem adequate, even though the pages are heavy with double-column script. In spite of this the book attracts and entices the reader to seek more of the information provided.

This book is without rival today in presenting the content and practice of a rising new international discipline — endocrine surgery.

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**A TEXTBOOK OF PAEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDICS. FROM THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, MELBOURNE.** Edited by Nigel S. Broughton. 336 pp. Illust. W.B. Saunders Company Limited, London; Harcourt Brace & Company, Toronto. 1997. Can\$145. ISBN 0-7020-1962-3

This book is one department's effort at writing a comprehensive textbook for residents preparing for the qualifying examination.

Overall, the book is clearly laid out and has a crisp look to it that I found made it easy to use. It is well illustrated and contains many well-reproduced radiographs.

The book starts with several nice chapters on the assessment of and the

approach to pediatric orthopedic patients. The next section deals with generalized conditions that affect more than one organ system or more than one anatomic area. It includes a good chapter on normal variants, which should be read by all parents. The next chapters deal with anatomic areas, such as the knee, and the book ends with chapters on pediatric trauma.

Although this text is short and concise, it is surprisingly complete. It covers well the basic material on most problems encountered by the pediatric orthopedist. The chapters on trauma are valuable and distinguish the book from other general textbooks.

This book is ideally suited to those beginning their residency who want to gain a firm foundation on which to build their knowledge base. As a Canadian examiner I do not think it meets its stated goal of preparing the resident for the Fellowship examination. There is not sufficient depth, and many of the controversies are left out for that purpose. One example is in the section on lateral condylar fractures, where it is stated that delayed treatment is more difficult; but the options available are not discussed.

Every hospital that teaches pediatric orthopedics should include this textbook in the library and every resident should read this book early in training as an introduction, then move on to the more in-depth books and finally round out knowledge with journal articles. This book is one that should be read from cover to cover to build the foundation of knowledge. It should not be used as a reference book. If read first it would make Lovell and Winters' *Pediatric Orthopedics* easier to read and more meaningful. This textbook will also be useful for medical students to use as a reference book for a more in-depth

look at certain pediatric orthopedic conditions of interest.

Overall, I would rate this book highly. It would be a valuable addition to the medical library.

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**CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE. TEXTBOOK OF ANGIOCARDIOGRAPHY.** Volume I. Robert M. Freedom, John B. Mawson, Shi-Joon Yoo and Leland N. Benson. 662 pp. Illust. Futura Publishing Company, Inc., Armonk, NY. 1997. US\$275. ISBN 0-87993-656-8 (2-volume set)

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A textbook on congenital heart disease from Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children has the unenviable task of maintaining the standard of excellence set by Keith, Rowe and Vlad in their *Heart Disease in Infancy and Childhood*. Drs. Freedom, Mawson, Yoo and Benson have successfully done this in their new reference of angiocardiology in congenital heart disease.

Although directed mainly to angiographers working in the field of pediatric heart disease, it is clear that everyone involved in the care of this

patient population will benefit from this book. Pediatric cardiac surgeons will appreciate the clear, concise description of surgically relevant angiographic features. These include examples of coronary artery patterns in transposition of the great arteries, subaortic anatomy in single ventricles and flow patterns after bidirectional Glenn procedures. Where appropriate, morphologic correlation is provided along with photographs of anatomic specimens and diagrams. A concise, pointed discussion is provided at the start of each chapter emphasizing relevant issues for decision-making in patient management. These discussions will be appreciated by all, including medical students rotating through the service. Importantly, new advances in catheter intervention methods of angioplasty and occlusion are discussed where applicable. The expertise of the contributing authors is obvious in their directed discussions.

As a reference textbook of angiography, the book's success depends largely on the scope and quality of the illustrations. With the hospital's long history in treating patients with congenital heart disease, it is not surprising that there are numerous examples of the different anatomic conditions. But what is unique is the consistent, superb quality of the illustrations, which emphasize the key features. The numerous photographs of anatomic specimens and diagrams enhance the instructional quality of the angiograms and are of equally excellent quality.

The book is sensibly organized, progressing in a "segmental" fashion through the various abnormalities associated with the individual cardiac chambers and their connections. The topics presented thoroughly encompass the field of pediatric cardiology, and the text includes a chapter on conjoined twins and ectopia cordis. An extensive, up-to-date list of references is

provided at the end of each chapter.

The great effort put forth by this team of experienced authors is obvious from the quality and scope of this work. Anyone involved with the care of patients with congenital heart disease will benefit from studying this textbook. Although echocardiography has assumed a larger diagnostic role in this field, angiocardiology remains an important instrument in the management of these patients. Without hesitation I recommend that all libraries consider this excellent book as an important reference source on pediatric cardiac angiography and put a copy on their shelves.

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