

Every photograph, chart, video and segment of text is fully exportable to presentation software or other applications using the "Save" command.

The only criticisms we have of the CD-ROM are on technical grounds. At times, it is difficult to navigate through the different screens. Occasionally, we were forced to return to the main menu to get back to a previous screen. The search function is slow and does not prioritize finds, although the CD-ROM is equipped with an exhaustive hyperlinked index that makes for easy searching.

This CD-ROM is a must-have for any surgical residency that incorporates head and neck surgery into its curriculum. It is an invaluable teaching tool, and the quality of the photographs and video clips is such that they can be incorporated into the surgeon's presentations.

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PRESENTING SCIENCE WITH IMPACT: PRESENTATION SKILLS FOR SCIENTISTS, MEDICAL RESEARCHERS & HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS. Cindy Todoroff. 112 pp. Illust. Trifolium Books Inc., Toronto, 1997. Can \$16.95. ISBN 1-895579-87-2

Like many of you, I have sat through numerous education-related and scientific talks that do more to cure insomnia than to communicate information. For this reason, I began providing learning experiences for medical students on how to give a lecture. A small group session on the principles is followed by video-

taping the students giving short lectures. As a group, we critique the lectures in a positive, nonthreatening manner. The students' response has been overwhelmingly positive, and subsequent presentations, as they progress through their training, are noticeably improved. When we ask for feedback, most often they ask to be videotaped again, this time presenting scientific data.

Todoroff has written an excellent, short, easy-to-read text on presenting scientific materials that covers preparation, organization of materials, selection, design and use of visual aids, platform and delivery skills and how to answer questions. Each chapter is organized and clearly formatted to help you learn effectively. She provides appropriate examples in each chapter, putting into context the learning issues covered in the following pages. The text is concise, which makes for easy reading and better retention of information. Many chapters have checklists and aids to help the reader. Each chapter ends with a simple exercise to reinforce the material just covered.

The most important issues related to delivering scientific materials in both small and large forums are well covered. Notable are Todoroff's suggestions for using body language, minimizing nervousness and handling tricky questions. The chapter on audiovisual materials provides a useful overview of the many presentation softwares available for use with computer-assisted presentations.

I liked this book and highly recommend it to any person who has been asked to give a presentation. Although the book is aimed at junior and intermediate presenters, we all know that even the most seasoned speaker can benefit from tips.

Finally, I wholeheartedly agree with Todoroff that improving your

presentations requires several key steps: first, recognizing you are missing the ever-important "presentation chip" that the complete researcher has; second, finding your missing chip by reading this excellent book on improving your presentation skills; and finally learning how to use your chip by constant practice. For those of you in supervisory positions working with young researchers, buy them each a copy of this book and organize practice sessions, preferably on video so you can help them learn.

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TEXTBOOK OF ENDOCRINE SURGERY. Orlo H. Clark and Quan-Yang Duh. 688 pp. Illust. W.B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia; Harcourt Brace & Co. Canada, Ltd., Toronto. 1997. Can\$211. ISBN 0-7216-5882-1

Practising surgeons who have to deal with patient endocrine problems should be familiar with this book. Authored by 120 internationally recognized authorities, thoroughly compiled, organized and edited by the dean of the international endocrine surgical community, Dr. Orlo Clark, and his associate, Quan-Yang Duh, this premier work belongs in every medical library, every surgical resident's workroom and on the desk of all surgeons interested in endocrine surgery — surgery of the thyroid, parathyroid, adrenals and pancreas.

Eighty-one chapters or topics extensively cover all clinical endocrine conditions and problems treated by the practising surgeon. The chapters

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