

Book Review

Pediatric neurosurgery. High-yield database, (First Edition) edited by Raj Kumar and Vinita Sing. Published in 2004 by Paras Medical Publisher, Hyderabad, India, ISBN: 81 8191 057 5, 420 pages, IR275 or \$20.

This yellow with linear lines and purple based book catches your eye immediately on sight. Published by Paras Medical Publisher, Hyderabad, India it contains approximately 430 pages and has high quality paper. The topic high yield does indeed give quick fast information as appreciated by our residents in the Master of Surgery (Neurosurgery), University Sains Malaysia program. With 9 sections starting from development, maturation and genetic consideration in pediatric neurosurgery till a separate miscellaneous section on all topics of pediatric neurosurgery that both a neurosurgeon who wants to be informed on pediatric neurosciences data to a young pediatric neurosurgeon, it provides quick information with references. The authors have decided to omit all pictures or diagrams that could be incalculated in further editions e.g. in chapter 17 of section II and a specific topic on operative techniques (use of pins in pediatric head injury) and operative positioning.

I really enjoyed section I, VI, VII and VIII. The information already presented is tremendous for residents and neurosurgeons intending to sub specialize in pediatric neurosurgery thus with this book most information can be read. Later on more level 1 evidence based research could be focused in the next 5 years where pediatric neurosurgeons who want to relate fundamental, applied and clinical pediatric neurosurgical sciences could use this book. I dare to call this book the "Greenberg" of pediatric neurosurgery and hope that more Asian especially Indian data will be incooperated in cooperated in the near future.

To conclude this book is extremely enjoyable to read and understand and will be used by most residents in neurosurgery. A PDA format may be the future for this type of book with updates for the ever changing sciences of treatment of pediatric neurosurgical diseases.

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