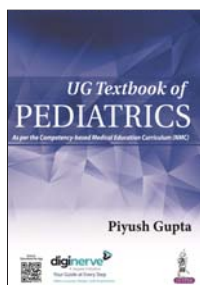

BOOK REVIEW



UG Textbook of Pediatrics

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There have been many pediatric textbooks published for undergraduate medical students in this country, each of which has their own style and approach. But what makes this multi-authored book (contributed by more than 60 pediatric teachers) edited by an eminent pediatric academician and medical educationist is that it has been written with its focus being the new competency-based medical education (CBME) curriculum for undergraduate medical training introduced in 2019.

The 32 chapters in this book cover 35 pediatric topics in the CBME curricula (spanning 399 core pediatric and additional integrated competencies). The 'competency index' provided at the start of the book linking the individual competencies to the chapter and page in the book would make it easy for the student and the faculty to navigate through the book.

Each chapter begins with a listing of the applicable competencies, has a text that is simple and easy to read, and a summation at the end of the chapter titled "In a

nutshell." What makes this book particularly interesting and useful is the linking of the cognitive to its practical application through the numerous case studies of problems frequently encountered in pediatric practice. The section on Social Pediatrics covers all the current national programs that target children and adolescents, the IMNCI approach, what the student ought to do when visiting a rural health center, and the role of the physician in the community. The multi-colored book has color coding to highlight headings, boxes, tables, figures, flow diagrams, treatment, revision points and suggested reading. The numerous colorful diagrams are easy to follow and comprehend. The colored flow diagrams would allow the student to initiate standardized treatment for the most common and critical conditions amongst children. All these make the book attractive and readable for the student. The book provides the most recent treatment protocols, a ready reference to drug therapy, growth charts, and pediatric laboratory values.

This is a book that all undergraduate medical students would find most useful while they work through their pediatric training and prepare for their examinations. The faculty too would find this book an *aide-memoir* while planning their teaching sessions for the undergraduate medical students.

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