

THE MANAGEMENT OF MALE INFERTILITY

by TB Hargreave & ES Teoh
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This small text on the management of male infertility readily achieves its aim of providing the urologist and gynaecologist an overview of the Investigatory Steps to be taken in the complete evaluation of the infertile couple with special emphasis on the Male Factor. The book strongly reflects the personal views of the editor and author from Edinburgh, Dr Hargreave. It in fact chronicles the practices of the Male Fertility Clinic of the University Department of Urology, Edinburgh University. Treatment Aspects receive fairly complete coverage in respect of medical, surgical approaches with ample mention of the role of Sperm Banking, Husband and Donor Insemination as well as the indications for the newer techniques of IVF/GIFT, etc.

Dr Teoh does justice to the book by providing just the right balance in the chapter on Evaluation of the Female Partner. To

ensure completeness of coverage, he has obtained contributions from eminent Singaporean gynaecologists which deal completely with the investigation and treatment of immunological infertility and a treatise on the use of modern Assisted Conception Programs for the Management of the Male Factor which was necessary for the clinician to appreciate these modalities of treatment mentioned in earlier chapters by Tim Hargreave.

There are currently few books of this size that can provide the practical information offered by this text and for this price. All in all, this publication is a good buy for the practising as well as the Trainee urologist or gynaecologist. It is easily carried in the coat pocket and provides a ready reference at the bedside or clinic.

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HANDBOOK OF OCCUPATIONAL SKIN DISEASES

by C L Goh
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The author has presented an attractive and handy book (14.0 x 21.5 cm size, 68 pages) on the subject of occupational dermatoses.

The book volume is divided into 7 chapters. The introduction deals with epidemiology and recognition. This is followed by classification and a description of some of the common irritants and allergens.

Chapter 4 was on the non eczematous occupational dermatoses. Chapter 5 on "an approach" would be of particular benefit to the novice. Prevention was dealt with in Chapter 6. The book ends with a listing of the common irritants and allergens in some industries which I found useful as a reference.

The text is succinct and easy to read. Owing to the brevity the contents must necessarily be didactic rather than discussive.

There were no journal references. The 23 plates add colour and visual substance to the volume. There are a few typographical errors :

page 37 line 6 : Berloque, not "Berlogue"
page 49 line 28 : valerate, not "velerate"

The author, an acknowledged expert in this field, has indeed succeeded in writing a book "to introduce occupational dermatology" to students, medical and paramedical and other interested personnel.

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