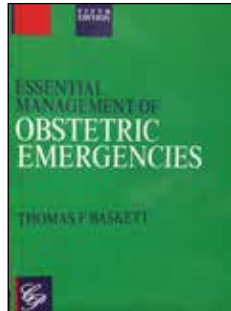


Book Reviews

ESSENTIAL MANAGEMENT OF OBSTETRIC EMERGENCIES (5TH EDITION)

Thomas F Baskett, Publisher
Clinical Press Ltd 2015. ISBN-13:
978-1854570642. RRP: £22.50



Tom Baskett is a “Son of Ulster” who left these shores for Canada as a trainee back in the 70s, but our loss has been their gain. He has become an internationally renowned Obstetrician & Gynaecologist and author, and has yet again put his name to this pocket sized handbook, fifth edition, of Essential Management of Obstetric Emergencies. It was first written by Tom some thirty years ago, has now been upgraded again, is simply a must for all trainees, practising Obstetricians and midwives, and indeed is especially suitable for those who think it would be surplus to their requirements.

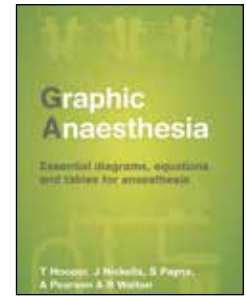
There’s nothing as normal as normal pregnancy, and nothing as abnormal as abnormal pregnancy, and nothing can go so quickly from one to the other. Those golden minutes that exist during this window must be maximised, and this book gives all the best, contemporary, common-sensical, well researched and evidence based advice on how to minimise the effects of nature at her worst.

This concise, practical, beautifully written handbook addresses all the common, and many of the rarer complications which we can encounter and is clearly presented for immediate use, but also appropriately referenced for those with the time, inclination and need for in depth analysis.

Apps are part of the future no doubt, but the written word is still king, and in the emergency scenario is likely to remain as such. I truly recommend this HANDBOOK for everyone who could find themselves as the healthcare provider at the bedside of a mother in need anywhere in the resourced or under resourced world.

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GRAPHIC ANAESTHESIA. ESSENTIAL DIAGRAMS, EQUATIONS AND TABLES FOR ANAESTHESIA. T HOOPER, J NICKELLS, S PAYNE, A PEARSON, B WALTON.



Scion Publishing Limited 2015. 262 pages. ISBN-13: 978-1907904332. RRP £35.00

Graphic Anaesthesia is a well-written, easy-to-read book, ideal for trainees studying for primary FRCA examinations. The chapters are divided into physiology, pharmacology, physics, equipment and clinical measurement, which are closely related to the FRCA syllabus.

Within each of the chapters, topics are limited to one page, which provides a succinct overview of each individual item. The clear standardised format of each chapter makes the information easy to read. It is well presented with words and pictorial/graphical presentation for better understanding of each heading. The reliance on a visual format makes it easier to understand each topic and then recall it later. The “infographic” nature of the information also facilitates quick revision before examinations.

By itself, this book would not suffice for the in depth knowledge needed for understanding the principles of physiology, pharmacology and physics for anaesthesia but the short concise explanations (with colourful diagrams) make it an ideal revision tool for primary FRCA OSCE/VIVA examinations.

It will also be helpful for consultants and trainees preparing practice OSCE/viva in the department. It will be an ideal companion for preparing for exams.

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