Paediatrics and Child Health. A Manual for Health Professionals in Developing Countries


This book is now firmly entrenched as the paediatrics and child health book you must have if you are a medical student in southern Africa. It is an easy book to use, the text is not pretentious and it covers very comfortably the knowledge, skills and approach required if you are a student or practitioner looking after children.

Changes to this edition include a more integrated layout which emphasises common disorders, important problems and the broad strokes of comprehensive management including prevention.

The book is firmly based on the primary care approach and problem-based learning and this makes it particularly suitable for undergraduate students. For those needing a quick reference or review for individual problems the index is thorough and the layout systematic and easy to follow. It is uniquely adapted to paediatrics and child health issues in this country but is equally applicable for use in other developing countries.

This is not a large reference textbook on paediatrics and child health and I am pleased to see that it has resisted the temptation to transform. It addresses the broad scope of child health problems in a comprehensive and integrated fashion. This edition is greatly improved without deviating from its principal aims – to provide clear information on childhood illness in a way that facilitates the primary care approach, problem solving and comprehensive care. It is very user friendly and for many it will be the first book to reach for when you need to check something in your practice.

David Beatty


In Memoriam

Theo Sacks (1929 - 2003)

It was with much sadness that I learned that my long-standing school and varsity friend Theo passed away peacefully in his sleep. He bore his terminal illness with so much courage and dignity, always trying to be independent until the very last day, trying to spare his dear wife and family as much pain as he could.

He went to Pretoria Boys High School where he matriculated in 1944. He then attended Pretoria University Medical School where he completed his medical degree at the end of 1950, 2 months before his 22nd birthday.