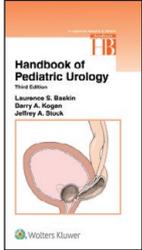

BOOK REVIEW

Handbook of Pediatric Urology, 3rd edition

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Rating: ★★★★★ (four stars out of five)

Description

This is the third edition of a well-established handbook covering the main topics in pediatric urology that was first published in 1997 and last updated in 2005.

Purpose

The purpose is to provide an easy to carry, basic reference in pediatric urology. This book has been well received in the past and it has become expected reading for those rotating on the pediatric urology service. The third edition is a significant improvement over the previous one. It is shorter and easier to read and the images are in color. The online version is very straightforward and easy to use. This book accomplishes its objectives well.

Audience

The audience includes individuals rotating through a pediatric urology service: residents, medical students, and nurses, as well as those working in acute care settings such as emergency departments, urgent care and primary care practices (advanced nurse practitioners and physician assistants), when quick access to pediatric urologic information is needed. This book certainly meets the needs of the intended audience. All of the authors and the contributors are experienced, recognized experts in the field.

Features

The book covers topics such as circumcision, hypospadias, undescended testes, abnormalities of sexual differentiation, etc. The 34 chapters are written in a concise and informative manner and all have "Recommended Readings" consisting of a few references. New chapters cover transitional urology, adolescent urology, and pediatric and adolescent gynecology, all which represent the more modern approach. The book is well organized in a sequence that appears to follow the likelihood of presentation of a given condition, starting with circumcision, then hypospadias, and ending with transitional urology. The chapters are well written, clear, and concise. The last chapter, Pediatric Urology Database, is comprehensive and worth having at hand. The only shortcoming is the review of priapism, as it does not include current pharmacological treatment of this condition, or a clear algorithm for this urological emergency.

Assessment

This is a much enhanced edition of a very popular and established handbook in pediatric urology. The ability to access the information in an electronic fashion makes this a must-have for any person interested in this field.

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