

MCQs on surgical diagnosis

R. Visvanathan, JSP Lumley. 127pp. **Price:** PS 14.99. **Publisher:** Butterworth Heinemann. **Date of Publication:** 200. **Place of Publication:** UK. **ISBN:** 0-750-64730-2.

This book is a Multiple Choice Quest, which is based on Hamilton Bailey's demonstration of physical signs in surgery, 18th edition. It covers all the sections of the above named book in a very clear and organized way. In its introduction, it gives fair information about how MCQ's are written, and has tests and answers, which helps both candidates and surgeons who are involved in training and setting MCQ's for FRCSA exams. If you know how to write MCQ's then you can also answer them.

The topics are divided into 9 chapters and the coverage of subjects are good and concise, with a variety of applied anatomy topics, which is important for surgeons. The MCQ's are not biased and very clear, not confusing. The answers are given in an explanatory way and the related chapter and page are listed which makes it easy to go to the textbook without wasting time. The authors have also included sources of further information. The book in its present format is of a good size, namely, compact and pocket-sized, and is well priced.

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An atlas of osteoporosis

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Osteoporosis is a cause of significant disability and a major health burden resulting from fragility fractures. An increasing lifespan and consequently an aging population worldwide is likely to further magnify its impact on health care. In time such as these an atlas of osteoporosis is very timely.

The book blends a well-informed text with illustrations of a high quality, which makes it very enjoyable to read. The text is not meant to be exhaustive. It provides a basic overview of the epidemiology, physiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of this condition. As the name implies diagram, illustrations and x-rays highlight the information in the text making it easy to conceptualize and understand the disease. The diagnostic modalities are well illustrated and likely to help the practicing physician considerably in understanding them.

This book is of good value for physicians, general practitioners and fellow in training. It should be available in most libraries.

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