Book Review

Clinical Methods in Cardiology
by B Soma Raju

These are exciting times for cardiology! Dramatic breakthroughs in basic research, exciting results of major clinical trials, and new diagnostic and therapeutic devices have revolutionized cardiovascular care worldwide. However, in order to effectively use these devices, physicians need to keep two basic factors in mind: understand the fundamentals of the history and physical examination (rather than rely blindly on technology) and be aware of the unique patient-care issues of different regions of the globe.

This book addresses both issues in an outstanding manner. The best clinical bedside diagnostic cardiologist I have ever seen, Dr. Soma Raju brings his enormous wealth of clinical experiences to this book. Clinical Methods in Cardiology is an exposition of his basic se that the clinical evaluation of the patient forms the foundation upon which the management of the patient is built. I believe that this book is destined to become the definitive text from the subcontinent on the clinical approach to the cardiac patient.

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Comprehensive Medical Toxicology
by VV Pillay

Comprehensive Medical Toxicology is an extensively researched reference book on toxicology written by Dr. VV Pillay, who has incidentally authored several other acclaimed books on forensic medicine and toxicology. This book represents several years of painstaking research, and bears the following highlights:

* Over 2000 recent references, 200 tables, and 40 boxes
* Over 5000 brand names of drugs and poisons
* Numerous illustrations and photographs
* Apt quotes and fascinating case histories

Dr. VV Pillay is today recognized as a trail-blazer in the field of toxicology in India, and has numerous publications on the subject to his credit in medical as well as the lay press. He is a consultant on toxicology for various journals, and a reviewer of books on the subject published from across the world. Dr. Pillay is in the process of setting up a Poison Control Centre at the institute where he is currently employed, and is finalizing a software programme designed to help clinicians with the diagnosis and management of poisoning.

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