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Like every year, this is another serial publication in the field of haematology and haemato-oncology published at the occasion of XIVth National CME in Haematology and Haemato-Oncology held at Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences, Mumbai, in January 2008. This year’s book has the largest volume in this series. It has 71 chapters distributed amongst 17 sections covering various aspects of clinical and laboratory haematology. The book runs into 602 pages and has 108 authors or co-authors from both India and abroad. The whole book is printed on glossy paper with plenty of coloured pictures, diagrams and tables which make it very illustrative. Like every year, it has hard binding which adds to its durability.

The subject selection relates to advances in last 3 years and most of the authors have done wonderful job from this angle. There are updated chapters related to molecular techniques in haematological malignancies, molecularly targeted therapies in haematological malignancies, molecular advances in the field of MDS, molecular monitoring of CML, lymphoma classification - post-WHO, cord blood transplantation, adoptive immunotherapy as well as updates on new drugs like Alemtuzumab, Lenalidomide and Deferasirox.

Each chapter has a summary, introduction and carry home messages followed by important references for future reading. As usual, the book has author and subject index which makes it easy to trace the concerned chapter.

Although the book has been brought out within a year of last year’s publication i.e. Haematology Today - 2007, it has such a wealth of new information that everyone interested in the field of haematology (teachers, clinicians and students) will like to have it on their shelf. For any library related to the field of medicine, this volume is a must.

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