

**BOOKS RECEIVED**

**DIETARY TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY: PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF KETOGENIC THERAPY.** 2012. Edited By Elizabeth Neal. Published by Wiley-Blackwell. 241 pages. C\$77.00 approx.

**RAPID NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.** 2012. By Kumar Abhinav, Richard Edwards, Alan Whone. Published by Wiley-Blackwell. 188 pages. C\$36.00 approx.

**DEPRESSION IN NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS: DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT.** 2012. Edited By Andres M. Kanner. Published by Wiley-Blackwell. 212 pages. C\$99.00 approx.

**VIDEO ATLAS OF INTRACRANIAL ANEURYSM SURGERY.** 2013. By Eric S. Nussbaum. Published by Thieme Medical Publishers, Inc. 135 pages. C\$90.00 approx.

**FAMOUS FIRST PAPERS FOR THE NEUROINTENSIVIST.** 2013. By Eelco F.M. Wijdicks. Published by Springer. 289 pages. C\$220.00 approx.

**THE EVIDENCE FOR NEUROSURGERY.** 2012. Edited By Zoher Ghogawala, Ajit A. Krishnaney, Michael P. Steinmetz, H. Hunt Batjer, Edward C. Benzel. Published by tfm Publishing Limited. 484 pages. C\$150.00 approx.

**BOOKS REVIEWED**

**NEUROSURGERY ORAL BOARD REVIEW. SECOND EDITION.** 2011. By Jonathan Stuart Citow and David Cory Adamson. Published by Thieme Medical Publishers, Inc. 270 pages. C\$50 approx.

Rated ★★★★★

This book has been designed for residents and early-career neurosurgeons to be a quick review for the American Board of Neurological Surgery (ABNS) oral examination. However, the content and structure of this review book still make it relevant for Canadian residents and neurosurgeons preparing for the Canadian counterpart of the ABNS oral examination: the Royal College neurosurgery oral examination.

The book begins with a helpful introduction providing advice on how to succeed in the oral examination. This is followed by 15 chapters divided into three sections that mimic both the American and Canadian neurosurgery oral exams: 1) spinal disorders, 2) cranial disorders, and 3) miscellaneous topics (including pediatric neurosurgery, functional and pain neurosurgery, peripheral nerve, critical care and neuroanaesthesia, and neurology). Each short chapter highlights the most essential information in a reader-friendly format with plenty of images to keep the reader interested. At the end of each chapter, there is a short section of "helpful hints" as well as several clinical case vignettes.

At only 270 pages in a small compact book, one can easily obtain an overview of all of neurosurgery in a couple of days. As the authors point out in their preface, this book is not meant to replace the more traditional and larger neurosurgical textbooks. The book is meant to be a supplement and an easy-to-use study aid. It is small enough to fit in most clinical lab coats. A resident may be able to read a few pages while waiting for the elevator or waiting in line at the coffee kiosk. Overall, this reasonably-priced



book will prove to be useful to not only neurosurgical residents and early-career neurosurgeons, but also to medical students, off-service residents, and allied-health professionals working with neurosurgical patients.

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**AL-MEFTY'S MENINGIOMAS. SECOND EDITION.** 2011. Edited by Franco DeMonte, Michael W. McDermott, Ossama Al-Mefty. Published by Thieme Medical Publishers, Inc. 432 pages. C\$210 approx.

Rated ★★★★★

Dr. Ossama Al-Mefty edited a comprehensive volume titled 'Meningiomas' which was initially published in 1991. The stated goal of the second edition edited by Dr. Franco DeMonte, Dr. Michael W. McDermott and Dr. Ossama Al-Mefty is to update students, residents, neurologists and neurosurgeons on the multitude of advancements that have been made over the last 20 years associated with the understanding of the biology, diagnosis and treatment of meningiomas. This volume, edited by three physicians, well known in the field of meningioma surgery, along with contributions from numerous authors in a series of specialized fields provides an excellent foundation for understanding and management of these tumours.

The book can be divided into five areas. The first sections deal with some of the historical aspects of meningioma treatment with the inclusion of newer

