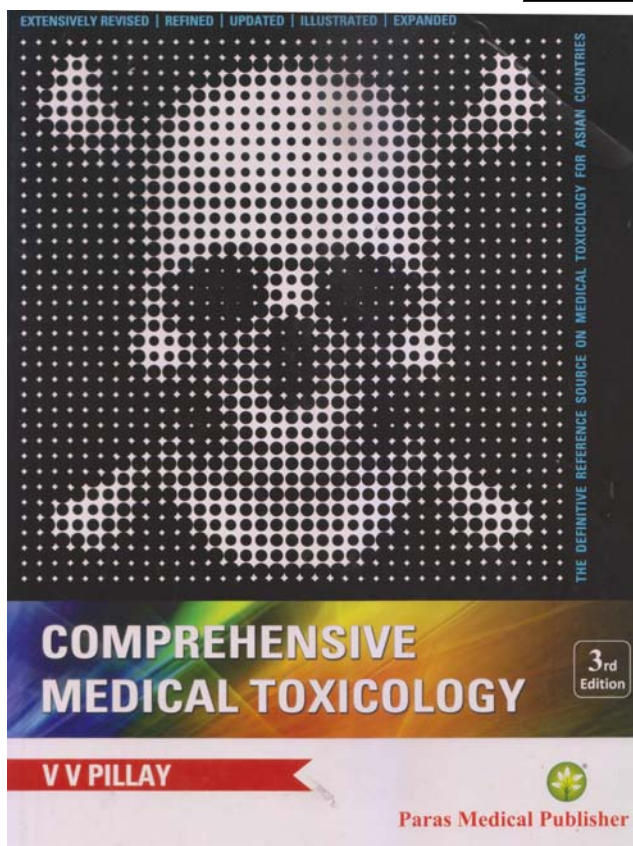


Book Reviews



"Comprehensive Medical Toxicology" by V V Pillay, 3rd Edition, 2018, Published by Paras Medical Publisher, 5-1-475, First Floor, Putlibowli, Hyderabad 500095, Telangana, India, pp 1-1299, 22cm x 28 cm.

An updated and improved version of 1st edition (2003) followed by 2nd edition (2008) is published as 3rd (latest) edition in 2018.

The book contains 1299 pages divided under 21 chapters covered in five sections namely : General Toxicology, Chemical Toxicology, Pharmaceutical Toxicology, Biotoxicology and Sociomedical Toxicology. There is a sixth

and final section of Appendices dealing with Poison Severity Score and Glasgow Coma Score.

Section I contains four chapters. First chapter of Introduction encompasses history of toxicology with introduction and idea of Poison Information center, Poison Control Center, Toxicity rating and Poison Severity Score. Second chapter deals with principles of diagnosis and management protocols of different poisons and overdose of substance in overall general but in detailed approach. Third chapter deals with medicolegal considerations in suspected poisoning cases. Fourth chapter is on analytical toxicology.

Section II contains six chapters dealing with namely Caustics, Inorganic Elements, Heavy Metals, Alcohols, Hydrocarbons & Pesticides and Toxic gases.

Section III covers Pharmaceutical Toxicology under seven chapters in details.

Section IV contains three chapters on Poisonous Plants, Food Poisoning and Venomous Bites & Stings.

Section V deals in details on the sociomedical aspects on Substances of Dependence & Abuse.

The whole book contains colorful pages of good quality depicting hundreds of relevant photographs and tables. The highlighted portions in each chapter discuss about several relevant famous or infamous case reports. The book contains updated information in every aspect.

Overall the book is an updated detailed literature on toxicology written in lucid language as a reference. Though the volume, weight and price of the book restricts its reach and applicability as a textbook as such, I am all in favor of referring this book to the departments of clinical medicine, clinical toxicology, emergency & critical care, forensic medicine including toxicology, pharmacology and Toxicology section of Forensic Science Laboratory. This book is very essential in running Poison Information center and Poison Control Center.

I wish every success of this great scientific literature.

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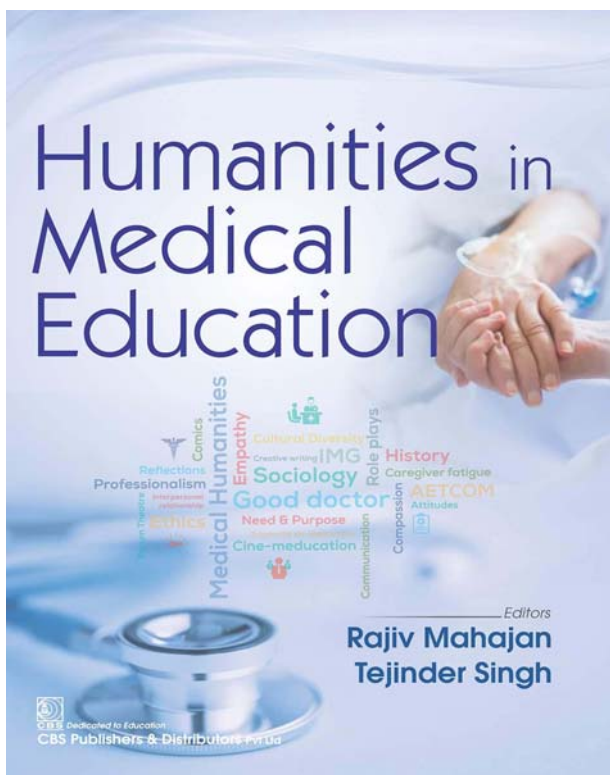
"Humanities in Medical Education" by Dr Tejinder Singh, Dr Rajiv Mahajan, Published by CBS Publishers & Distributors Pvt Ltd, CBS Plaza, 4819/XI, Prahlad St 24 Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi, 110002, pp 1-168, Kindle Edition Rs.247.80, Paperback Rs.259.60.

Our journey through medical education taught us that each learner is unique and learns at his/ her own pace. Similarly, each patient has unique medical and psychosocial need, which the doctor must be sensitive to. Unfortunately, medical treatment nowadays has become more technology based losing its human touch.

Competency based medical curriculum, which has been implemented since 2019 has emphasized this area, which was never an active component of medical curriculum. It has been rightly pointed out that science of

medicine is just not going to be enough to alleviate the physical suffering of a patient but to provide patient care by being compassionate and empathetic. For this purpose, AETCOM module has been prepared as a guide to facilitate institutions and faculty in implementing, a longitudinal program that will help students acquire necessary competence in the attitudinal, ethical and communication domains.

In the book, "Humanities in Medical Education," two eminent medical teachers, Prof. Rajiv Mahajan and Prof. Tejinder Singh extensively covered all the relevant details of this newly introduced component. In the introductory part, they have actually covered major part of learning module of AETCOM for professional year 1. The communication aspect, which starts from 1st year and continues thereafter have been covered in the 2nd chapter of the book. It has also covered Professionalism, Attitudes, empathy



and altruism, all being in the learning modules of 2nd Professional year. The third and 4th chapter of the book deals with Teaching Learning methodologies and assessment. These two chapters will be particularly helpful for the faculties.

The book is written in simple and lucid language and it never drifted from its focus. The use of appropriate quotes has made the book more interesting. The authors were very much conscious that they are introducing something very new to their readers. However, addition of some real situations or real cases would make the book more interesting.

This book certainly ensures the stakeholders not to be overwhelmed by the change in curriculum, but to work hand in hand to get optimum benefits of CBME.

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