



Dermatologi Asas, B.A. Adam, Kuala Lumpur : Penerbit Universiti Malaya : 1991.

I would like to congratulate the author for writing this Dermatology textbook in Bahasa Malaysia. This is perhaps only the second Dermatology book in Bahasa Malaysia written by a Malaysian, the first being a basic book written for the general public.

The book is a basic textbook well suited for medical students and general practitioners. It covers most of the skin diseases commonly occurring in our part of the world and includes some suggestions on modes of therapy for each of these conditions.

Besides Skin infections, Eczemas, Psoriasis and Acne which are all commonly encountered skin conditions, it is very appropriate that Hensens Disease (Leprosy) -an often neglected diagnosis, receive special attention.

Although it would be nice if more coloured pictures could have been included, great care was taken to show 'local' patients so that the characteristics of the lesions could be better appreciated on Asian skin.

This book would be handy as a first Dermatology textbooks for the medical students, general practitioners and others wishing to familiarise themselves with dermatological terminology in Bahasa Malaysia.

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Drug Treatment in Obstetrics. A handbook of prescribing. Second edition by R. S. Ledward, D.F. Hawkins & L. Stern. Chapman and Hall Medical, London 1991, 313 pages, £ 15.95

This book is superbly written as it makes easy reading and understanding of obstetrics. The first few chapters may in fact be termed "Lay-man's guide to Obstetrics" for it discusses on subjects ranging from preconception counselling, mechanisms of teratogens; antenatal diagnostic techniques to commonly encountered medical disorders of pregnancy in very simple language.

The rest of the book was devoted to drug treatment of various common disorders in obstetric practice. In the introduction in each chapter, the outline of obstetric management in each of the obstetric problem is clearly stated and this would serve as a useful guide to those practising obstetrics early in their career. This book should also be recommended to non-obstetricians intending to gain some insight into the practice of obstetrics.

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