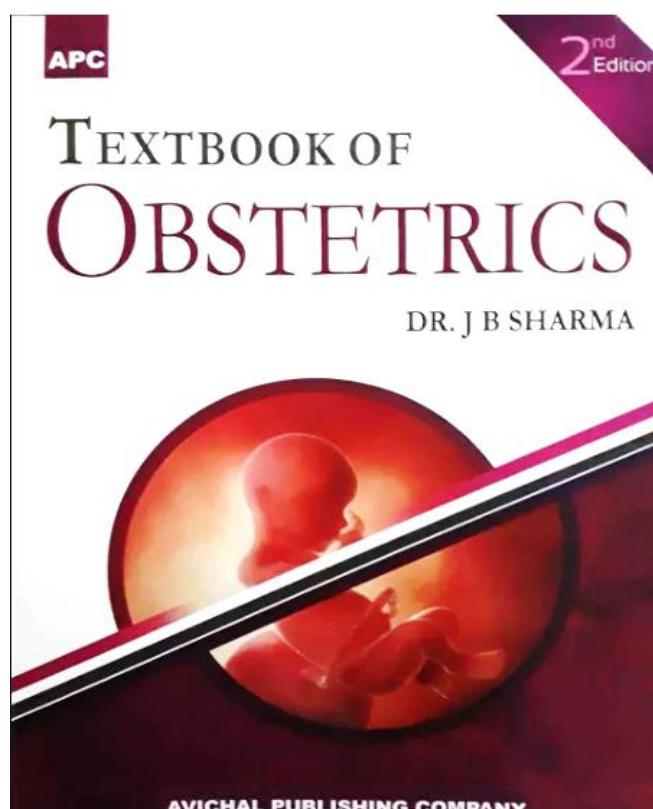


Book Review

TEXTBOOK OF OBSTETRICS BY DR J B SHARMA

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Textbook of Obstetrics, 2nd Edition, by Dr J B Sharma, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi is published by Avichal Publishing Company, New Delhi in 2019. The book is very lucid and illustrative over 824 pages. It is systematically divided into 21 sections. Section 1 deal with 10 chapters on Maternal Anatomy, Physiology, Fetal Growth and Development while section 2 deals with Antenatal Care including Prenatal Diagnosis and Therapy and has 5 chapters including early gestational hemorrhage. Section 3 is on Normal Labor with 4 chapters while section 4 deals with Abnormal Labor with 7 chapters covering all aspects of

labor including malpresentations, malpositions and complications of third stage of labor. Section 5 is on Neonatology by Prof Ramesh Kumar, Department of Neonatology, AIIMS, New Delhi. Section 6 is on two chapters on Normal and Abnormal Puerperium. Antepartum complications are discussed in section 7 with 4 chapters including antepartum hemorrhage. Section 8 has detailed medical, surgical complications including infection while section 9 has special conditions like Rh negative pregnancy. Section 10 deals with Operative Obstetrics with details of all operations like cesarean section, instrumental deliveries etc while section 11 is on Contraception. Miscellaneous chapters are discussed in section 12 including chapters on National Programs, Imaging, Obstetric Instruments, Specimens, Drugs, Spots etc. There is a separate chapter on Theory and Practical Examinations for different types of examination of MBBS, MD, DGO and DNB. The chapters on practical tips are very useful for students appearing in practical examinations.

The book uses evidence-based medicine with guidelines from the WHO and Various Colleges like American College and Royal College. The book is easy to understand and is up-to-date. It is very useful to PGs and UGs for their examination's preparations and to the clinicians for their day to day practice.

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