

Textbook of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

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Pulmonary diseases are major contributors to morbidity and mortality in the general population. Although advances in the diagnosis and management of many common pulmonary diseases have improved the quality of life of patients, these complex illnesses continue to affect a large segment of the global population. Professor S.K. Jindal, Editor-in-Chief and his Editorial Board team which comprises leading experts of several continents, have produced a thorough and comprehensive textbook; the "*Textbook of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine*". The team's deep involvement in teaching research, clinical practice, skill and experiences exhibits itself in the textbook. The multi-authored textbook has 23 sections further divided into 173 chapters encapsulating almost all the aspects of pulmonary and critical care medicine. The vast experience of each of the authors, drawn from different continents across the globe, can be gauged from the lucid style of presentation coupled with high quality graphics to provide easy understanding of the subject. The textbook addresses a slew of issues relating pulmonary and critical care problems, measures of prevention as well as their solutions through various sections, like tuberculosis, respiratory infections, asthma, disorders due to environmental and climate factors, occupational disorders, pulmonary neoplasms, respiratory sleep disorders, respiratory critical care, surgical aspects of respiratory diseases, general issues in the intensive care unit, to name a few. The textbook focuses attention on pulmonary and critical care medicine common to India and other developing countries. Other allied diseases common to the developing as well as the western countries are also thoroughly addressed to benefit the concerned demographic readers. Social and demographic factors exclusive to various regions of the globe coming from the respective regional experts find special mention which make the material further relevant in appreciating local ways of management.

Traditional indigenous approaches to the most complex modern techniques employed in the diagnosis and management of different lung diseases are presented in a comprehensive manner. The printing quality and abundance of illustrations, flow charts and tables are excellent. This textbook is a useful asset not only for the postgraduate students but also to the seasoned clinicians, pulmonologists, pathologists and radiologists alike who are involved in the management of patients suffering from respiratory diseases. It is also a welcome addition to the umbrella of textbooks on pulmonary and critical care medicine.

Professor S.K. Jindal, Editor-in-Chief and Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, a national level medical institution of excellence in India as well as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Capacity Building in Chronic Respiratory Diseases. Professor Jindal has an outstanding contribution to the field of respiratory medicine through high quality research work, teaching, training and authorship of various publications in national and international journals. With over 30 years standing in academics, he also investigated many important projects, presided over taskforce committees, formulated guidelines for the management of lung diseases, especially at the primary level in India. He has been recipient of various awards and honours for his meticulous work.

I am sure the "*Textbook of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine*" is an indispensable reference guide for any physician's library.

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