Book Review

Atlas of Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy

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The Atlas on Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy is authored by one of the most experienced and senior most Chest Physicians of the country. The author is currently the Director of the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi and formerly was the Head of the Department of Pulmonary Medicine, King George's Medical College, Lucknow and was a former Director of the UP Rural Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Saifai, Etawah (Uttar Pradesh). He had received advanced training in performing fiberoptic bronchoscopy (FOB) from Japan. With his vast experience in the area of FOB, Dr Prasad has written and compiled this Atlas. The book/atlas contains 17 chapters starting with the history of bronchoscopy to the newer advances in FOB. The most interesting aspect of the book is the short case reports of bronchoscopic findings both in benign pulmonary diseases (15 case reports) and malignant lung diseases (49 case reports). Dr Prasad has very clearly depicted coloured pictures of various findings in health and diseases. The atlas has very nicely and precisely described the normal bronchial anatomy, abnormalities of bronchial anatomy and has also described about the machine and instrumentations. The book has also very clearly mentioned about the indications and contraindications of FOB, care of the bronchoscope, use of topical anaesthesia and the

bronchoscopy procedure in detail. It has given guides for specimen collection and the usefulness of bronchoscope in lung cancer. Various complications of the procedure and their management, particularly bleeding, have been discussed in greater detail and clarity. A brief description of paediatric bronchoscopy has also been mentioned. The quality of the printing and photographs has come out very well and there are nearly 246 photographs given in the book/Atlas. The book will be quite useful for the postgraduate/postdoctoral students in Respiratory Medicine and other chest physicians who are interested and use bronchoscopy in their day to day clinical practice.

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