The book is a heroic effort by the author to create awareness about this “hot topic” in present scenario. The writer has started off well with introduction, doctor-patient conflict, rights and responsibilities, etc. But it seems that he has unnecessarily given more pages for calculation of compensation and CPA. A busy practitioner is more interested in how to protect himself from all these “unwanted gifts” of practising in 21st century.

The communication skills are very useful in minimizing the litigations but this aspect has been given only a passing reference and not discussed in details.

The appendix on statistics, studies on medical services and malpractice suits are indicative of exhaustive effort on part of the author. The glossary of medical terms in simple words is very useful. The author needs words of compliments and appreciation for single handedly writing on such a vital, debatable and exhaustive subject. Overall, the book seems to be a good reference book, high cost may be a prohibitory factor.

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Clinical Pediatrics for Undergraduates covers all the basics of Pediatrics that are essential for them. Common diseases are discussed as case-series arranged in a systemic manner. Sections on emergencies and community pediatrics are designed to empower the young graduates to master quality health care. The book is thoroughly packed with information. However I would have preferred to have the new WHO growth charts instead of old WHO-NCHS percentiles.

The book is printed on good quality art paper in a pleasing two color format. The reading is enjoyable and not troublesome to eyes. I have no hesitation in recommending this book for undergraduate students in Pediatrics.

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The term ‘Medical negligence’ consists of two words – medical and negligence. Negligence is solely the failure to exercise reasonable care. Medical negligence is no different. It is only that, in case of medical negligence, the doctor is the defendant. In an action for negligence, the following essentials are required: The defendant owed a duty of care to the plaintiff. The law requires neither the very highest nor a very low degree of care and skill and is different for different cases. If he fails to do so then a complaint can be filed against him. Medical negligence complaint. Home Legal Advice Law on Medical Negligence in India. Legal Advice. Law on Medical Negligence in India. December 17, 2014. 7. It has been held in different judgments by the National Commission and the Hon'ble Supreme Court that a charge of professional negligence against a doctor stood on a different footing from a charge of negligence against a driver of a vehicle. The burden of proof correspondingly greater on the person who alleges negligence against a doctor. Public awareness of medical negligence in India is rapidly growing. Hospitals managements are increasingly facing complaints regarding the facilities, standards of professional competence, and the appropriateness of their therapeutical and diagnostic methods. After the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 has come into force patients filing legal cases against doctors, have established that the doctors were negligent in their medical service, and have also claimed and received compensation. Medical Negligence In Criminal Law: Under Criminal law when it is proved that the negligent act is performed with Mens Rea (guilty mind) he shall be punished under the criminal law now because of Code of Criminal Procedure (C.C.P.) amendment - 1973, patient may get compensation too. The intention to behave in such negligent way shall be proved to make a doctor liable under criminal law. As a result of this judgment, virtually all private and government hospitals and the doctors employed by them and the independent medical / dental practitioners except primary health centres, birth control measures, anti-malaria drive and other such welfare activities can be sued under the CPA.