**book reviews**

**Textbook of Female Urology and Urogynecology, Second Edition**  
by Cardozo L and Staskin DR, eds.  

The second edition of this major textbook follows relatively swiftly from the well-received first edition, reflecting the rapidity with which technical developments and scientific insight in female urology have progressed over the last few years. The book is arranged in sections covering basic science, evaluation, conservative management and associated disorders, with a second volume effectively serving as a surgical textbook for urinary incontinence, prolapse, laparoscopy and complex disorders. The two volumes are nicely presented and have a satisfying solidity. The clarity of presentation of headings, text and illustrations is excellent, and photographs are reproduced well, such that the reader is readily drawn into a deep perusal.

The book has an impressive range of contributors, supporting the stated aim of the editors to achieve a comprehensive overview; as one examines the contents pages, one gets the impression that all the major issues in the field have been tackled. Some, particularly epidemiology and outcome measures, are covered in substantial detail. A couple of chapters fare less well; those on neurological disorders and anal incontinence are too sparing on detail for specialists. The chapter on non-neurogenic voiding difficulty and retention is disappointing overall, and makes only the briefest mention of Fowler’s syndrome. Given the demanding management decisions, it does seem a shame that Fowler’s syndrome is really only discussed in the chapter on electromyography (co-authored by Clare Fowler). The surgical descriptions are good. This could become the first book off the shelf for many surgeons needing a succinct technical reminder; it is easy to find what you want and, when found, the operative descriptions are clear and well illustrated. Confusingly, the chapter on transobturator tapes is split into two sections, written independently; a coherent unified chapter would certainly be preferable.

It is fair to say the ambitious objectives have largely been met; this edition is likely to be as successful as the first, and is sufficiently different from it to warrant the new version. The content is up-to-date; for example, Bion devices for pudendal neuromodulation are discussed. Nonetheless, rapid progress in technology gives concern that a third edition could become necessary in the all-too-near future! Typically for a medical textbook, the price is substantial, but some compensation is given by effectively providing, along with the overall coverage, a mini-textbook of urodynamics and a textbook of subspecialist surgery. The text is generally good, serving not only the well-informed surgeon, but also describing with sufficient clarity for those newer to the field; this would make a tome worth having in libraries, and I certainly feel it very helpful for my subspecialist interests.

**Marcus Drake**

**Drug Treatment in Urology**  

This compact hardback book, produced by Blackwell Publishing, covers many aspects of ‘medical’ urology including functional disorders, infections related to the urinary tract, urological oncology and analgesia. Many of the chapters are written by leaders in their field from the UK, Europe and the USA.

There was a strong showing in the field of infections, with an interesting chapter on newer techniques in antibiotic treatment, including once-daily aminoglycoside dosing regimens and ‘switch’ therapy. Further important areas include antibiotic prophylaxis and the management of more challenging conditions, including prostatitis, interstitial cystitis and candiduria, are also discussed in separate chapters in some depth, with a good evidence-based background. There is an excellent chapter detailing the pathophysiology of and drug treatments for erectile dysfunction, covering the pharmacodynamics of all treatments, and examining the past, present and future developments in this field.

The chapter on BPH is comprehensive, with significant emphasis on the Medical Therapy of Prostatic Symptoms (MTOPS) study, but also includes an important critical appraisal of the evidence (or lack of it) for phytotherapy, an area that is rarely discussed in detail in standard texts. The chapters in the oncology section tackled their subject matter comprehensively and in a readable fashion, and were well referenced. Two chapters covered postoperative analgesia and the treatment of pain in urology. Although there was some overlap between these sections, they were interesting and informative to read, with just the right amount of detail.

This book did not claim to encompass the whole of urology. Perhaps a subsequent edition might include chapters on the medical management of stone disease and the controversies surrounding the medical treatment of Peyronie’s disease and infertility. This said, this is an excellent book that has been well produced and would not be out of place on the bookshelf of a urologist, general practitioner or nurse specialist.

**Simon Bott and Mark Rochester**
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