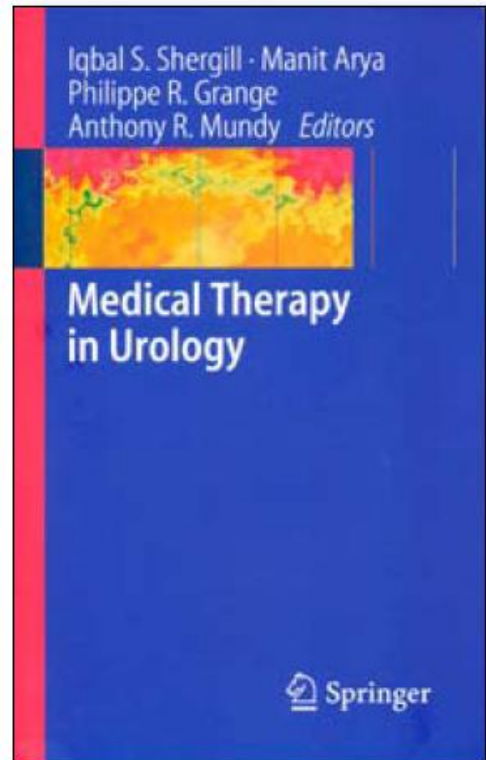


Book reviews



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For our summer reading two handy books provide comprehensive information and assessment of topics such as medical therapies in urology and developments in the imaging and urodynamics of the lower urinary tract. These new editions will certainly be a welcome addition in the bookshelf of not only practising urologists but also urological residents, trainees and medical students.

Medical Therapy in Urology

Urology is a speciality which requires a vast amount of knowledge in both medical and surgical fields. The medical management of urological diseases nowadays has clearly assumed a more expanded role at the expense of surgery. Shergill and three other editors, and with the help of more than 30 contributors, wrote this very practical pocketbook which aimed to provide an overview of the medical aspects of urology.

Each chapter begins with a short overview of the concerned disease followed by a section describing various drugs which are useful for such a disease. For each drug, information is reported regarding indications, contraindications, side effects and mode of action.

Most chapters are dedicated to genitourinary cancers including bladder, kidney, prostate, testis and penile cancer. For each of them, TNM classification is used. All recent developments in chemotherapy and others drugs are presented and concise tables give an overview of all drugs available. Decisional trees complete the tables and each chapter is concluded by a listing of “key points.”

Medical treatments of non-malignant diseases of the lower urinary tract are presented in chapters with identical formats, including drugs for BPH, overactive bladder, incontinence, infections and chronic pain syndromes. Prevention of urinary stones is described in a dedicated chapter, including dietary and medical aspects.

Medical management of sexual dysfunction and hypogonadism is considered in specific chapters

whilst kidney transplantation and immunosuppressive related agents are described in a short but concise chapter. A very useful chapter describes analgesia and drugs for urological procedures such as ESWL, prostate biopsy, etc.. A short chapter dedicated to alternative and complimentary treatments concludes the book.

Undoubtedly, this pocket-sized book will be useful for urologists and other physicians. For medical students this book can be a handy and quick reference guide.

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