BOOK REVIEW

Diagnostic and Operative Hysteroscopy (2nd edn)

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Written and compiled by a committed and enthusiastic team of hysteroscopists, this book 'from the ground-up' covers all aspects of the historical, current and future role of hysteroscopy. However, as a result of this all-encompassing approach, not all chapters will be of equal relevance to all readers.

Each chapter is concise, and can be read independently, with excellent descriptions of anatomy, electro-surgery, fibroid classification and reducing

complications. The ubiquitous still images are almost always of effective size and resolution to aid understanding, as do the video files included on the DVD that accompanies the book, although the DVD is a little cumbersome to navigate and the movie files require different programmes to view.

Like all textbooks, the evidence base and the latest guidelines will tend to drift away from the printed text over time. Additionally, this book is not written specifically from a UK perspective and so may not entirely reflect current use of hysteroscopy in the UK. Whereas in the UK the prevalence of outpatient or 'office' hysteroscopy is increasing, the use of embryoscopy in the management of recurrent miscarriage is neither widespread nor currently supported by Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists guidance.

A wide audience, ranging from medical students in training to consultants planning service development, will find this book valuable. It is ideal for an O&G trainee with an interest in hysteroscopy, but one who can acknowledge that on occasion the information presented is delivered with an authority heightened by an enthusiasm beyond that merited by the current evidence base. Overall, this is a worthwhile book to add to the bookshelf, both as a reference and a teaching aid.

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