

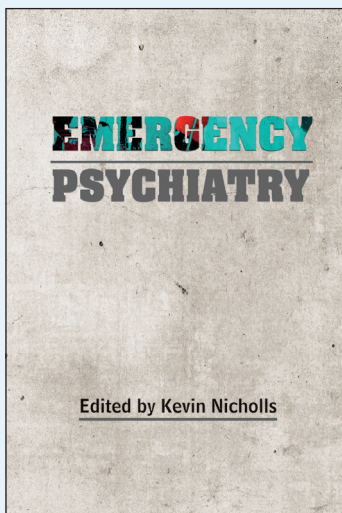
Emergency Psychiatry

Edited by Kevin Nicholls
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Emergency Psychiatry sets itself the tough task of covering the broad range of emergency situations that occur in a mental health context. Perhaps in light of this, the book's preface begins with a slightly apologetic tone – citing difficulty in recruiting contributors in the current economic climate.

The book is structured into twenty short chap-



ters. A range of topics are covered including the expected chapters, but also those

such as psychiatric emergencies in deaf people, and civilian and military psychological trauma. The structure of each chapter varies, but all make use of clear headings and short chunks of prose. The text is backed up by recent evidence and national guidelines. On this last point, certain topics, for example management of life-threatening emergencies, might be best learned by considering the book alongside

the most recently published national guidelines, give the propensity for such guidance to be revised.

The brevity of chapters could be viewed as a negative factor. However, in reality this format allows the reader to gain a solid base of topics and might point him/her towards areas of further study. A particularly welcome feature is the use of case studies and self-test sections, giving a real-life slant to the book, as well as an opportunity to consolidate learning.

Emergency Psychiatry is an accessible and practical book. The book gives a good flavour of the potential emergency situations to be aware of when embarking upon a career in psychiatry.

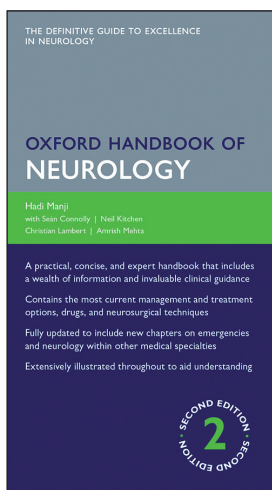
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Oxford Handbook of Neurology (2nd edn)

Hadi Manji, Sean Connolly,
Neil Kitchen, Christian Lambert,
Amrish Mehta

Oxford University Press 2014
Price £34.99. Pp 656

ISBN 978 019 9601172



This book is well written. It uses detailed bullet points, lists and algorithms to provide a quick reference. It covers the differential diagnosis and management of common clinical presentations, specific neurological

disorders and emergencies. It also covers the basics of neuroanatomy, neurosurgery, neuroradiology and neurophysiology.

It is written with a wide audience in mind. Each section tends to start by covering the basics and then goes into the topic in more depth.

Compared to the previous edition the book has been updated in some areas, references have been included and the index has been improved. The book would be an invaluable concise reference

for medical students, junior doctors, registrars, consultants and GPs on the go.
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Cardiac Imaging

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Before I buy a cardiac imaging textbook, the first thing I want to know is whether the book has sufficient clinical focus, and here the clinical content is pretty good. This book's unique selling point is that the imaging focus is directed to computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging rather than, for example, echocardiography or nuclear medicine.

The chapters initially whizz through an explanation of how to acquire and interpret cardiac computed tomography then cardiac magnetic resonance images followed by a quick rundown of cardiac anatomy, before getting to the intended meat of the

book. This encompasses everything you would expect; from congenital heart disease, cardiomyopathies, valvular disease through to cardiac intervention. Each pathology is covered within a targeted discussion that reviews the definition, clinical features, anatomy and physiology, how to approach the image, what not to miss, differential diagnosis, clinical issues, key points and key references.

The book is of a size which allows you to read a chapter in a relatively short space of time, allowing you to gain sufficient understanding of several topics at one sitting. If you want to learn more on a topic you can start with the key references it gives you.

At just over £100 it is a pretty standard price for a book of this size. If I were a cardiology or radiology specialty trainee wanting to get into cardiac computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging, or a consultant radiologist wanting to expand their subspecialty interest into cardiac imaging, this would be a very good place to start.

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