

## Genitourinary Radiology Cases

**Edited by Mark E Lockhart, Rupan Sanyal**  
**OUP USA**

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Radiologists are particularly fond of pictures and *Genitourinary Radiology Cases* is happy to oblige. A total of 129 different pathologies are illustrated in different imaging modalities such as ultrasound, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and contrast studies. Each case comes complete with concise notes on teaching points and differential diagnoses. The cases vary from commonly encountered (renal cell carcinoma) to much rarer (inferior vena cava leiomyosarcoma). Multiple images are supplied for each case so the reader can consolidate the salient features for different imaging techniques.

The book is easy to navigate and is split into nine sections (e.g. kidney, adrenal, retroperitoneum). The initial images are

presented with a short clinical history and the pathology and notes are overleaf, so that the budding radiologist can test his/her knowledge before reading about the condition. While this is not an exhaustive text it does contain pertinent information in an easily digestible format. The notes, for example, are summarized under headings including imaging findings, differential diagnosis, teaching points and management.

Although it does not take the place of larger reference books, *Genitourinary Radiology Cases* is a useful adjunct and its succinct, informative summaries make it ideal for trainees. The key imaging features are illustrated across different modalities and relevant differential diagnoses are considered. The information is concise and memorable as, after all, a picture is worth a thousand words.

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## Sickle Cell Disease in Clinical Practice

**Jo Howard, Paul Telfer**  
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Sickle cell disease is pathogenetically complicated and clinically difficult with rapid cadences of deterioration. But through basic research and improving management with a multidisciplinary team approach, sickle patients are now living longer lives into late adulthood.

This book on sickle disease, written by two highly experienced haematologists in London, is exactly what is needed to update clinicians. It does not dwell to excess on pathophysiology but indicates clearly what we do and do not know. All the complications of the sickle diseases are addressed, with precise protocols for their prevention and management. The emerging areas of stroke, renal failure and chronic lung disease, increasingly important because of improved longevity, are well described.

The treatment protocols are well laid-out, both for ongoing maintenance and for emergencies – and one of the appendices includes how-to-do algorithms for both

paediatric and adult exchange transfusion. The pivotal importance of an annual review for maintaining each sickle patient's health is emphasized with a comprehensive proforma to provide focus.

This is the book for all haematology trainees to possess, and for all doctors in emergency departments to have available. (Note: I have a non-pecuniary interest in that I provided the histopathology pictures.)  
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## Practical Medical and Surgical Management of Chronic Rhinosinusitis

**Edited by Pete S Batra, Joseph K Han**  
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It has been a real pleasure to read this book before writing this review, but it took longer than anticipated for reasons that I will explain. The book is devoted entirely to the condition of chronic rhinosinusitis – the accepted terminology for a worldwide disease process that affects a many people in society but fails to attract the attention or importance of cancer.

The book is a very focused text of over 500 pages with 70 authors, most from the USA but with a few eminent international experts. It is divided into three parts: an overview of the condition and its various subsets, the medical therapy of chronic rhinosinusitis and a series of chapters on the surgical management of sinusitis. The 31 clearly laid-out chapters each start with a summary of the key take-home points; most are adorned with high definition coloured images, and all end with an extensive list of references.

The book is an excellent encyclopaedic source of information about the various aspects of chronic rhinosinusitis, but as a consequence the chapters are intense and reading demands complete attention. This should not detract from the true value of the book and fortunately, it is readily portable so that it can be accessed in smaller manageable aliquots. The book is aimed at practicing otolaryngologists and trainees and sets out to provide 'state-of-the-art' readily accessible practical information. I would strongly recommend it to all specialists who manage patients with this challenging disorder.

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