

## Ultrasound

**Edited by Leslie M Scoult, Ulrike M Hamper, Teresita L Angtuaco**  
**Oxford University Press 2017**  
**Price £112.50. Pp 696**  
**ISBN 978 0 19 998810 5**

This text is primarily aimed at radiology and sonography trainees. It is a robust learning resource, which promotes and showcases ultrasound as an invaluable diagnostic tool.

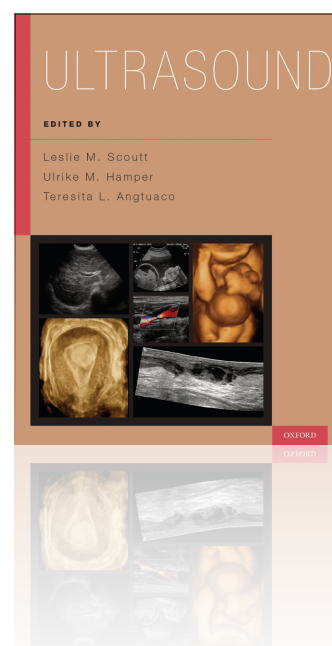
Chapters largely pertain to body systems, each section presenting pathologies as case reports with sonographic findings allowing the reader to formulate their own differential list and management plan. The diagnosis is provided on subsequent pages promoting self-learning and assessment. The explanatory pages often provide cross-sectional images allowing demonstration of disease sequelae and other salient features to contextualise the findings as well as providing anatomical reference points to

orientate the reader. While this format is helpful for learning, it does make the book more difficult to use as a reference text.

The segments are concise and bullet pointed which is handy for digestion of large volumes of otherwise exhaustive material. The vast and diverse library of high quality images (both in picture definition and sonographic technique) compiled by the many proficient contributors range from classical appearances to challenging findings demanding more careful scrutiny and the pathologies in between. Each is supplemented with pertinent and up to date management information to help the trainee decide what is relevant to tell the referring clinician and with what urgency.

This text will be useful for any practitioner of ultrasound throughout training and beyond.

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## Geriatric Rehabilitation: From Bedside to Curbside

**K Rao Poduri**  
**CRC Press 2017**  
**Price £140. Pp 678**  
**ISBN 978 1 48221 122 1**

This comprehensive guide to geriatric rehabilitation covers all the key topics in detail. It is helpfully split into four sections. The first three (basics of aging, geriatric syndromes, and systemic disorders in geriatric rehabilitation) will be of real interest to rehabilitation physicians, geriatricians and trainees revising for the geriatric medicine specialist certificate examination.

Topics covered range from psychosocial assessments of older adults to urinary incontinence to exercise in the elderly. The authors are very experienced, and chapters have comprehensive reference lists.

The book gives the reader an incredible amount of in-depth information and would be an excellent resource for those with a specialist interest, although some investigations and treatments described are more readily available in America. It will be of less use to those wanting a brief overview of rehabilitation in the elderly. The fourth section (health maintenance, caregiving,

and postacute rehabilitation) may hold less interest for a UK audience as the text mainly relates to the American health-care system. The price (£140) may be off-putting to some but this book will definitely be an investment for those with a specialist interest in geriatric rehabilitation – it really does cover all areas from bedside to curbside.

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## Challenging Concepts in Respiratory Medicine

**Edited by Lucy Schomberg, Elizabeth Sage, Nicholas Hart**  
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In the age of specialist 'exit' exams, an increasing number of textbooks are aimed specifically at those preparing for these assessments. This book targets this audience, but is more than simply a tool with which to pass the specialty certificate examination in respiratory medicine.

The authors present 22 common and rare respiratory problems, including areas as diverse as asthma, respiratory infection, sleep and ventilation, intensive care-related

issues, pleural disease, transplant and occupational lung disease. The format is excellent – the case history is followed by discussion, mirroring what would be expected in normal clinical practice. It is very well presented, easy to read and visually appealing with clear coloured boxes for clinical tips and evidence-based points.

The great strength is the 'expert commentary' with some of the UK's most prominent names in respiratory medicine providing insights in their area of specialism. Expert comments are clearly highlighted and generally provide excellent guidance on key, controversial and unknown areas in each case, as well as presenting the rationale for the investigation and management. This should give readers a clear insight into the investigative and management principles of each case, and the rationale behind the most appropriate approach. The level of input from the expert commentator is somewhat variable, with some cases discussed in more depth than others.

Overall this is an excellent addition to the currently available works. As well as trainees, this will also benefit those in respiratory practice seeking to improve their practice and understanding.  
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