

**Infectious Diseases in Critical Care Medicine** 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 2000. Editor : BK Cunha. Winthrop University Hospital and State University of New York at Stony Brook, New York, USA. Publishers : Marcel Dekker Inc New York, Basel, Hongkong. ISBN 0-8247-0114-3. World Wide Web: <http://www.dekker.com>. Pages : 400 Price : US \$250,(Rs 2000/-).

Few books on the subject of Critical Care Medicine are as interestingly written as this one. The book deals with practical microbiological problems that concern the Intensive Care Units; the entire narration is lucid with easy to comprehend tables, flow diagrams, labelled diagrams and photographs.

Therapy for infectious complications is fast changing. The book discusses new antimicrobials and immunomodulators, some of which are more efficient and cost effective. Knowing that intensivists fear antimicrobial resistance like the plague, the authors provide a critical insight and guidelines regarding monitoring of antibiotic resistance and how best to deal with a difficult situation. The book also deals with practical issues such as : how often should the intravascular catheters, ventilator tubings or urinary

**Pathology of Liver** by RNM MacSween, AD Burt (Editors); 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Published by Churchill Livingstone, London, Edinburgh; 2002; Pages 982; Illustrations 721; hard bound; price Rs 13887; ISBN No 0-4430-6181-5.

In this book, the concept of hepatic lobule is again brought with a modification of classic lobule for descriptive histopathology. The patho-physiological aspects concerning the hepatic lobule and acinar structure are illustrated diagrammatically in such a way that the concept of damage to the liver cells by various agents becomes clear for the students of histopathology. Major advances in the molecular understanding of inherited and metabolic diseases and hepatic hormonogenesis are dealt with. Plenty of illustrations with CT scan and their correlation with E/M, HPE and immuno-histochemical staining makes the understanding better in the above disorders. The changing concepts in acute and chronic hepatitis reflecting advances in virology and immunology are covered. Light has been

drainage tubes be changed? When does one use prophylactic antimicrobials? How does one manage an outbreak of infection in the ICU? How best does one achieve quality assurance in an ICU? How should a percutaneous / mucosal exposure to potential pathogens be managed? How best can we use laboratory tests in the ICU? How are samples to be sent? The contributing authors are all experienced clinicians who discuss all details in a practical manner. A separate section is devoted to therapeutic considerations.

The foreword is written by Dr Henry Masur, MD, Chief Critical Care Medicine Clinical Center, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

The book will serve as an ideal companion for the intensivist in the ICU and may be kept in the critical areas for quick referral should a situation demand so.

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thrown on lately discovered viruses including hepatitis G and TT viruses and they are kept in the proper perspective. The hepatotoxicity due to drugs are extensively covered with plenty of illustrations. The chapter on transplantation pathology is considerably extended with increasing emphasis on treatment modality. The concept of hepatic stem cell compartment at the interface between the biliary epithelium and the hepatocyte is addressed for future therapies. The book is a masterpiece in liver pathology and recommended as reference book for Medical Library in hospitals and Medical Colleges.

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**Answers to MCQs**

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