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There is a good change in the appearance of the book. In the earlier editions the font size, quality of paper and printing was not up to the mark. However, there is significant improvement in this edition.

The text is divided into 15 sections/chapters, each devoted to specific system. Every new edition of the book adds newer drugs and updates the reader in the field. The addition of P-Drug (personal drug) concept will be very useful to a medical student/physician. The book scores favorably by the fact that each chapter has summarization and important information tables with a color background.

Certain new additions in the book are worth appreciation e.g., The addition of nutritional supplementation therapy in section IX, which is an important part of the total therapeutic planning.

In section XIII- drugs used in endocrine disorders, the addition of principles of management of osteoporosis is informative and very useful.

In the section on treatment of diabetes mellitus glycosylated haemoglobin, an important parameter to check the level of diabetes is mentioned in sufficient details.

Addition of chapters on common skin and eye disorders, pharmacotherapy of rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis,

enzymes in therapy, vitamins and antioxidants is a welcome addition.

In immunotherapy the tables on various vaccines and immunization schedule is very informative not only for physicians but for common man as well.

In the chapter- 'Drugs, pregnancy and infants' the table on points to remember while prescribing drugs to woman of reproductive age and during pregnancy is very useful.

Certain wrong statements in the book are carried forward from edition to edition.

Eg. A statement on Page no. 7 reads- 'The absorption of drug from S. C. route is slower than LM and IN route' which should be 'The absorption of drug from S. C. route is slower than LM' as there is no question of absorption from IV route.

Overall the book is very useful for undergraduate medical, pharmacy students and teachers. At few places it looks like a mirror image of Goodman-Gilman and Pharmacology by Rang and Dale.

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