

Book Reviews

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Lecture Notes on Anaesthetics. BY JOHN N. LUNN. Oxford, London, Edinburgh, Melbourne, Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1979. Pages: 170. Price: \$13.75. Paperback.

The senior lecturer at the Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff, Wales, has succeeded in writing an introductory text for medical students which is simultaneously readable, understandable, affordable (\$13.75), and portable (measuring $5 \times 7 \times 5/8$ inches). The author's years of clinical experience and teaching effectiveness are revealed by appropriate emphasis on critically important issues. For example, the unconscious patient should be "lying on the left side with the right leg over the left." This simple lesson is not emphasized properly in our teaching and I am convinced that many deaths continue to result from

putting unconscious patients flat on their backs. This is not to say that the book is so simplistic in its presentation that it lacks pertinent detail. For example, the sections dealing with interpretation of blood-gas analysis and resuscitation contain lessons and current information of value to all anesthesiologists. I enjoyed reading the book and would be happy to recommend it to any medical student or nursing student.

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