

Chapter 12 discusses emergency surgery in the diabetic, and departs from the "lists" style of the book, presenting a complete text on the management of diabetes mellitus. The approach to insulin therapy is informative and useful in any situation.

Chapter 16 and 17 are two excellent chapters on shock and fluid therapy, respectively. Both of these chapters are among the best in the book, and are fundamental to trauma anesthesia. They might have been located in the earlier part of the book before the list of specific surgical specialities is worked through. The chapter on shock presents the basics of cardiac physiology and monitoring, and could serve as the quick reference for this subject in any anesthesia text. The graphs are clear, the tables are easy to read, and the appendix at the end presents an invaluable summary of important formulas and drug doses.

The only chapter I was not happy with was chapter 19 on renal failure. I found this chapter disjointed because of its overabundance of tables. It was difficult to follow, although the information was all there.

The book closes with an up-to-date review of cardiopulmonary resuscitation that is written by the editor. As an expert on this subject, she presents the material clearly and succinctly.

In closing, I really liked this new book. It covers its intended subject and more, and can serve as a reference on many relevant subjects beyond the constraints of emergency anesthesia. It will be of use to all personnel in the practice of anesthesia, and should be easily available in all anesthesiology departments caring for injured patients. It is remarkably free of errors, and Dr. Donegan is to be congratulated on a superb editorial effort.

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