

## AZ of Practical Paediatrics

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Here is another addition to the library of his writings by Prof. Manindra R Baral (popularly known as MRB). His experience of more than four decades in the child health and teaching of undergraduate and post graduate students in different pediatric specialties has motivated him to write this book. A book is handy, and can help to solve the problems of the day to day practical paediatrics.

This book is divided into three sections. The first section helps the reader to have a quick and easy reference to the common symptoms, signs and diseases of children. Most of the common problems are included. Some common problems have algorithm and are modified from the original to suite the local context e.g. asthma. The key information are in block and highlighted with blue prints. This section is specially helpful for students as it contains the differential diagnosis with short explanations. The second section is Annexes. It includes introduction to IMCI and Evidence Based Medicine and is followed by paediatric drug dosage, drug interaction, normal values, emergency procedures and systemic examination clinical methods. This section is tremendously helpful for the undergraduate, post graduate students and senior doctors in the wards of hospital and clinics. The third section consists of reference charts.

This book serves the purpose as the title says A to Z of Practical Paediatric. It is a handy book that fits in the pocket of white aprons. Some of the pictures are small and difficult to correlate with texts. Few printing mistakes are accepted as the first edition. I am sure the subsequent edition of this book will add pages and other important chapters. Weaving these threads together, the author provides an enjoyable account that integrates the symptoms, signs, diseases, differential diagnosis and reference values in a pocket. Prof. Baral must be congratulated to produce this timely book of paediatrics.

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