

Paediatric Handbook

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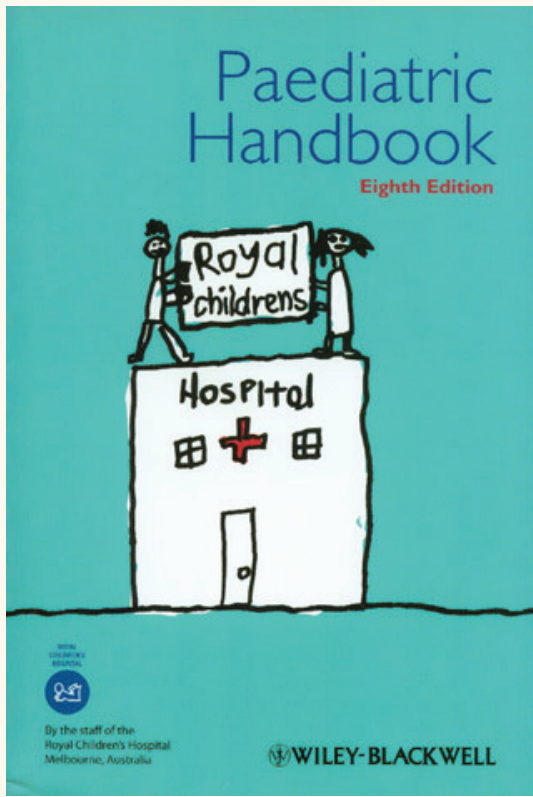
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THE PAEDIATRIC HANDBOOK EVOLVED from the 1960s as a management guide intended for in-house use by medical officers at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, a leading clinical and training centre for paediatric medicine in Australia. This new eighth edition is the fruit of the tireless efforts and contributions of its staff team. It was developed from evidence-based practice and longstanding clinical experience as a succinct and relevant guide to those who care medically for children from infancy through adolescence. This new edition has been updated

from the last (2003) edition and is available both in print and PDA version online.

The current edition contains new and revised chapters aligned with the hospital clinical practice guidelines. It comprises a table of contents with a list of contributors, editorial committee, forward, preface and health problems divided into seven parts followed by appendices and finally the index. The different Parts are: Emergencies, with up-to-date guidelines and algorithms regarding resuscitation; Procedures and Pain Management; Fluids and Nutrition; Child Public Health; Development; Psychosocial Problems and, lastly, important paediatric conditions in Medicine and Surgery. Each of the Parts has from 2 to 20 chapters. There are four appendices: Growth Charts; Pharmacopoeia; Antimicrobial guidelines and Formulae. A Resuscitation Guide and Australian immunization schedule are also included on the front and back pages for easy reference.

New topics for this edition include sleep problems, continence, slow weight gain (failure to thrive), obesity, continuous SC insulin infusion pumps, cystic fibrosis and illicit drug poisoning. Chapters on renal conditions, pain management, management of stroke, immigrant health and the immunisation schedule have been extensively revised. Each chapter provides useful web links to assist the reader with further references. The illustrations, diagnostic and management algorithms greatly enhance the accessibility of the information. The Handbook would be further enhanced by including a chapter on history taking and physical examination in children. In addition, a darker font would minimise strain on the eyes and make for easier and more rapid reading.

The Paediatric Handbook, with its concise descriptions, is a useful source of quick revision for medical students and paediatric residents. Practising general physicians and busy nurses will also find it a ready reference tool for clinical management and fast decisions making at the point of care. Being comprehensive, it is easy to use, thus providing a practical guide to the diagnosis and management of common and serious health problems in children. It also complements and extends information in the clinical practice guidelines. The book will have a wide appeal as a comprehensive and clear guide to managing common and serious disorders of childhood. To conclude, this is an excellent handbook which serves the needs of all health professionals involved

in the day-to-day care of paediatric patients. It emphasises the community-based approach to the practical management of children's problems and paediatric pharmacopoeia as well as covering the current significant advances in paediatric practice.

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