Book reviews

Practical manual for musculoskeletal trauma. Vols 1 and 2. Edited by *Kwok-Sui Leung* and *Put-Shui Ko*. Pp 747. Heidelberg, etc: Springer-Verlag, 2001. ISBN: 981-4021-62-8. £184.00.

The editors and a number of contributors (principally from Hong Kong) present a manual in two volumes on the management of musculoskeletal trauma as developed at the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The first volume concentrates on the general principles of resuscitation, classification and management protocols for musculoskeletal trauma, and the second solely on operative techniques.

The approach to various aspects of the management of trauma is well structured, with simple flow diagrams relating to various treatment protocols. Also included in each chapter are useful sections on the hazards and pitfalls of treatment, and complications and their prevention. The abundant use of clear illustrations and radiographs complements the text well although these can perhaps be criticised on occasion for being slightly didactic. This approach, however, does have benefits, especially for the trainee, and may prove less bewildering than an array of possible treatment options. The references at the end of each chapter are comprehensive, although they lack cross-referencing in the body of the text.

On the whole, the book fulfils its objective of providing a practical manual for orthopaedic trainees and trauma fellows and, as the preface declares, it is not intended to replace larger tomes already in existence. As such, it justifies addition to the bookshelves of all orthopaedic departments.

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Advanced arthroscopy. Edited by *James C. Y. Chow*. Pp 741. Heidelberg, etc: Springer-Verlag, 2001. ISBN: 0-387-98808-4. £183.50.

This volume provides a comprehensive review of advanced arthroscopic techniques applicable to most, if not all, areas of the body. The editor has brought together an impressive list of contributors, many of whom are leaders in each specialist field. The book is well presented with operative photographs in colour and line drawings of good quality. It is divided into seven sections with three each devoted to the upper and the lower limb, and the final one to the spine. They are subdivided into individual chapters with, not surprisingly, the shoulder and knee being the largest. At 733 pages, the book is not overlong, given the comprehensive subject material, and is well referenced.

Although it is primarily an operative instructional manual, as would be expected from the title, it is nicely balanced with some explanation of pathology, the indications for surgery, and an overview of the outcome after intervention. Indeed, there are some chapters which summarise current concepts in, for instance, repair of the rotator cuff and menisci and reconstruction of the anterior cruciate ligament. These pave the way for a more detailed analysis of arthroscopic surgery for these conditions. This format

is somewhat variable throughout the book but it is an excellent introduction, particular for the non-specialist in each field.

The book is primarily aimed at North America where surgeons who perform purely arthroscopic surgery are abundant, particularly in relation to sports medicine. This is not yet the case in this country, although there is a trend towards the American style. It would therefore be of use to specialist arthroscopic surgeons in this country, but sections, albeit interesting, may not be applicable to their practice. The book by its nature details advanced arthroscopic techniques which are not for the occasional arthroscopist and therefore may not be perceived as particularly useful for the general orthopaedic surgeon. It does, however, provide a good overview of the topic, and would be a valuable addition to the library of all training centres.

D. R. Bickerstaff.

Rockwood and Wilkins' fractures in children. 5th edition. Edited by *James H. Beaty* and *James R. Kasser*. Pp 1244. Philadelphia, etc: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2001. ISBN: 0-7817-2509-7. \$225.00.

This is the new edition of the classic text on children's fractures, originally edited by Rockwood and Wilkins. On this occasion, the book is under the new editorship of James Beaty and James Kasser, both of whom have wide experience in the management of the injured child and have dedicated the new edition to Rockwood and Wilkins because of their enormous contributions to the subject. Although a number of individual chapters are under the same authorship as the previous editions, many have new authors. The new editors have taken the controversial fractures, particularly those around the elbow and of the shaft of the femur, under their direct control. There are new chapters on child abuse which was previously included under the general heading of problem injuries in unique conditions. This is a sensible decision as child abuse is becoming a more general issue worldwide and it is right that a book such as this should treat it as a separate problem. All the chapters, having rehearsed the issues related to management, have an 'Authors' Preferred Method' which guides the reader into the conclusions which are being drawn within the text. These are helpful and cover most of the common injuries in childhood. This book can therefore be used in the emergency situation as a guide to treatment protocols. The section on hand injuries has been usefully condensed and shortened but still contains many valuable tips in management.

This new edition is an important contribution to paediatric trauma and has been usefully altered by the new editors. It remains essential for major orthopaedic departments in which injured children are managed.

A. Catterall.

Rockwood & Green's fractures in adults. Edited by *Robert W. Bucholz* and *James D. Heckman*. Pp 2512. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins 2001. ISBN: 0-7817-2508-9. \$375.00.

The latest edition of Rockwood & Green continues the high standard set by the previous editions. It is of course an established textbook. Those concerned with the daily management of trauma

will be familiar with it and will again not be disappointed. The number of contributing authors has increased to 76. The general layout, with particular emphasis on all aspects of operative management, is maintained. There are now 17 excellent chapters on the general principles of the management of fractures in adults. The descriptions of the classification systems, the surgical anatomy, treatment options, outcomes and complications remain clear and very well illustrated. It is now the shoulder which uncomfortably straddles the two volumes. Most interesting, as before, are the subsections dealing with the authors' preferred methods of treatment, unusual patterns of fracture, and pitfalls. All in all, it is very hard to imagine life without this book.

James Scott.

Handbook of fractures. 2nd edition. Edited by *Kenneth J. Koval* and *Joseph D. Zuckerman*. Pp 425. Philadelphia, etc: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2002. ISBN: 0-7817-3141-0. \$39.95.

This is the second edition of a companion handbook to Rockwood & Green's *fractures in adults* and Rockwood & Wilkins *fractures in children*. It is a useful quick reference to the major works which themselves require no further appreciation.

Michael Laurence.

BOOKS RECEIVED

In their hands. By *J. Siddiqi*. Pp 217. New York, etc. Georg Thieme Verlag, 2002. ISBN: 3-13-130031-0. EUR 69.95.

MR/CT Atlas of anatomy version 5.0. CD-ROM. By *Klaus Kueper*. Stuttgart, etc. Georg Thieme Verlag, 2001. ISBN: 3-13-129991-6. EUR 101.75.

Osteoporosis. 3rd edition. Edited by *Juliet E. Compston* and *Clifford J. Rosen*. Pp 72. Oxford: Health Press, 2002. ISBN: 1-899541-54-3. £12.00.

Cahiers d'enseignement de la société française de la chirurgie de la main 13. Edited by *J. Y. Alnot*. Pp 135. Amsterdam, etc: Elsevier, 2001. ISBN: 2-84299-348-9. FF341.10.

Cahiers d'enseignement de la SOFCOT 78: conférences d'enseignement 2001. Edited by *Jacques Duparc*. Pp 312. Amsterdam, etc: Elsevier, 2001. ISBN: 2-84299-346-2. FF59.04.

Cahiers d'enseignement de la SOFCOT 77: prothèses de coude. Edited by *Y. Allieu* and *E. Masmejean*. Pp 281. Amsterdam, etc: Elsevier, 2001. ISBN: 2-84299-347-0.