

sports such as boxing, horse racing, rugby, and other football codes. One contributor acknowledges that neuropsychology testing is becoming increasingly popular in such sports, but this is not pursued. Even a brief chapter providing an overview would have rounded the book out, to meet the expectations of the title "Sports Neuropsychology". Overall I enjoyed this book and find it a worthwhile addition to my library, both in my capacity as an experienced clinical neuropsychologist and in my new career as a researcher.

Rating

● Presentation	16/20
● Comprehensiveness	14/20
● Readability	17/20
● Relevance	17/20
● Evidence basis	16/20
● Total	80/100

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Principles of pediatric surgery, 2nd edition

Edited by James O'Neill, Jr. Published by Mosby, 2003, £102.60, pp 895, hardcover. ISBN 0323018270

Paediatric surgery matured as a discipline distinct from adult surgery during the second half of the 20th century. The first edition of this book was published in 1995 under the title *Essentials of Pediatric Surgery*. The second edition has been expanded to include sections on perioperative considerations such as paediatric anaesthesia, haematology, fluid and nutritional support, and respiratory and cardiac physiology. It is for this reason that the title was changed.

The stated aims of the book's authors are for it to act as: (a) a reference text for paediatric surgeons, surgical residents of all specialties, and other surgeons who perform procedures on paediatric patients, and (b) a concise reference for physicians who manage the care of children.

With regard to these stated aims, I felt that the book achieved mainly good results. Most of the sections are comprehensive and well referenced. A particular strength of the book, from my perspective, was the section addressing tumours, both benign and malignant. The 11 chapters (115 pages) in this section give an overview of all of the common neoplasms affecting the paediatric and adolescent population. Each chapter has relevant material covering investigation and staging, operative management, adjuvant therapy, and prognosis. As a clinician who each year sees patients with a past history of neoplasia, I anticipate that this book will continue to be a valuable reference. The chapter on bone tumours was particularly relevant to sports medicine. It included an interesting update on advances in limb salvaging surgery. This chapter would be an excellent source of material for candidates studying for Sports Medicine Fellowship examinations. A criticism of this chapter would be the poor quality of x ray reproduction.

There is a well-researched chapter on chest wall deformities. Questions regarding pectus excavatum are not uncommon, and interesting data are presented on long term follow up of respiratory function and exercise performance in patients who have had corrective surgery for this deformity. Other chapters providing authoritative reference material include those on vesicoureteric reflux, haematuria, hernias, congenital heart disease, and spinal dysraphism (to mention but a few).

As a sports physician, I was disappointed by the chapter entitled "Musculoskeletal Injuries". The chapter ran to only six pages of this 900 page text. Essentially, the chapter addressed management of long bone fractures, with references (to text books mainly) dating from 1980 to 1996. No mention is made of knee meniscus injury, cruciate ligament rupture, apophyseal avulsion, or stress fractures, and none of these terms appear in the index. No reference is made in the text to muscular injury, making the title of the chapter somewhat misleading. In contrast to this six page chapter that poorly covers a huge subject, there is a 16 page chapter on "Infections of the Lung and Airway".

This textbook is hard bound and its 900 pages are printed on good quality paper. The text is readable throughout. The subject matter is certainly relevant to practitioners who have paediatric patients. The black and white line illustrations are of good quality, and the black and white photographs of moderate quality. As noted, the quality of x ray reproduction is disappointing.

I am sure that I will refer to this book regularly in the coming years. It would certainly be a valuable addition to the library of sports medicine training practices, and to those of practitioners with large paediatric patient populations. However, as a sports physician rather than a surgeon, there would be higher priorities on my "must have" list if I were going to spend this amount of money on a reference textbook.

Rating

● Presentation	16/20
● Comprehensiveness	15/20
● Readability	16/20
● Relevance (to sports physician)	12/20
● Evidence basis	15/20
● Total	74/100

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CORRECTION

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R Pokan, P Hofmann, S P von Duvillard, *et al*. Oral magnesium therapy, exercise heart rate, exercise tolerance, and myocardial function in coronary artery disease patients (*Br J Sports Med* 2005;40:773-8). This paper should have been published with the following Commentary. We apologise for this error.

This study re-investigates the effect of oral magnesium therapy on exercise heart rate, exercise tolerance, and myocardial function in coronary artery disease patients. It confirms and extends previous results that oral magnesium supplementation improves resting myocardial function and exercise performance in (magnesium deficient) cardiac patients. The relevant new finding is that this also includes a favourable modulation of the upward deflection of heart rate performance during an incremental exercise test, which indicates improved stress dependent left ventricular function.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Joint German Congress of Orthopedics and Trauma Surgery

2-6 October 2006, Messe/ICC Berlin (Germany)

Congress language will be German (no simultaneous translation). English sessions will take place in a separate lecture hall on two days. Twenty-four credit points are expected to be certified (6 per day, 3 per half-day).

Further details: Tel: +49 611 97716-0; Fax: +49 611 97716-16; Email: info@intercongress.de; Congress homepage: www.orthopaedie-unfallchirurgie.de

BASEM Conference 2006

5-7 October 2006, Oxford, UK

Further details: Email: BASEMinfo@aol.com; Website: www.basem.co.uk

LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon 2006 World Congress: Science and Medicine of the Marathon

18-21 October 2006, Intercontinental Hotel, Chicago, USA

The programme will be presented on the 4 days prior to the LaSalle Chicago Marathon. This will be the 30th anniversary of the NY Academy of Sciences Session on the same topic. The conference will be a series of topics, each with two to six speakers (20-30 min lectures) followed by questions and discussion. Each speaker will be asked to prepare a 1000-1500 word manuscript with a focused bibliography, which will be published in a proceedings publication. The conference registration fee will be \$299 in advance and \$350 at the door. The daily fee will be \$100 in advance and \$125 at the door. Registration before 15 August will guarantee conference participants an entry into the LaSalle Chicago Marathon. CME will be offered for physicians (through ACSM) and 28 credit hours for an additional \$15.

Further details: Online registration: www.SMMConference.com

8th Scandinavian Congress of Medicine and Science in Sports

9-12 November 2006, Sports Institute of Finland, Vierumaki, Finland