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BOOK REVIEW

Title: SKELETAL INJURY IN THE CHILD
Author: John A. Ogden
Publisher: Lea and Febiger, Philadelphia  Price: $115.00  £78.20

Children’s fractures are common and the number of text books specifically dealing with such injuries few in number.

This is a comprehensive book which deals with the subject in great detail and in so doing consists of 650 pages. Each chapter ends with a comprehensive list of references.

The book is split into two sections. The first section deals with the general principles of bone development, bone injury and bone repair. It also deals with the general principles of radiology of bone injury in children. The second section deals with specific injuries on an anatomical basis.

Throughout the text the standard of radiographic examples is excellent as are the line drawings. The text is dealt with in the greatest detail with great accuracy. When dealing with specific injuries each chapter is broken down into the anatomy of the area under discussion followed by a detailed discussion of each particular injury. Each particular injury is discussed from the point of view of aetiology of the injury, classification of the injury, pathomechanics, diagnosis, treatment and complications of that injury making clear reading.

In summary an excellent and very detailed book. It is a must for libraries as a reference book but in view of its price and very detailed approach, will only appeal to a few orthopaedic consultants for personal use.

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