

Book Review

Haematology Today 2008

Haematology Today 2008 edited by Dr M B Agarwal may be useful for haematologists (clinical and laboratory side), haematologists and general physicians in their day-to-day practice. It should be kept in mind that advances in haematology have been enormous and it may be difficult to encompass them in a single book. The take home messages given after each topic is appreciable concept. The topics covered are benign and malignant haematological disorders. The chapters on acute leukemia highlight importance of flow cytometry and cytogenetics in diagnosis and prognostication. The role of stem cell transplantation in first and subsequent CR has been discussed. The importance of new-targeted agents in imatinib resistance CML has been discussed.

Classification and treatment of lymphoma has undergone significant changes and all this has been well elucidated in chapters dealing with lymphoma. These chapters also give practical tips to the readers. The treatment of

multiple myeloma has seen many positive changes in recent years and this has been well covered.

Chapters on benign haematological disorders give readers insights into different types of common ailments and means to deal them. These topics are equally useful for general physicians and obstetricians. Acute lymphoblastic leukemia the commonest leukemia in pediatric population and equally important in adults, unfortunately has not been discussed. Citations of

Indian reference where ever possible would have gone a long way in encouraging researchers to publish more and more. It would have been more useful to the readers, if treatment aspects were discussed in some more details.

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