

BOOK REVIEW**'Handbook of MCQS in Dermatology' by P.S. Mathew, MD**

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There are many textbooks on Dermato- Venereo- Leprology, written by Indian authors. But books of 'Multiple choice question' type are only a few. Here is a convenient and less expensive book of this type entitled 'Handbook of MCQS in Dermatology' written by Dr.P.S. Mathew, MD Assistant Professor and consultant in Dermato-Venereology, Medical College Hospital, Alappuzha, Kerala . The author is in general good scholar of high academic calibre.

This 356- paged book containing 2141 questions and their correct answers, consists 2 parts. Part I deals sections starting from structure and function of skin and part II deals sections on Venereology including HIV disease. The correct answers for all the questions written in a page are given at the bottom of the page itself.

Objective evaluation through multiple choice questions has become popular in recent years. This book I am sure will be highly useful to young doctors preparing for PG entrance examination. For senior specialists also reading this book may help to reassess his knowledge gained from other textbooks.

Dermatologists in most centres in our country have a step-motherly attitude towards the subject of Venereology which is a fast developing branch of Medical science. In this book also author has used only 50 pages for Venereology compared to 303 pages utilised for Dermatology. I hope the author will rectify this defect in the future editions of this book.

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