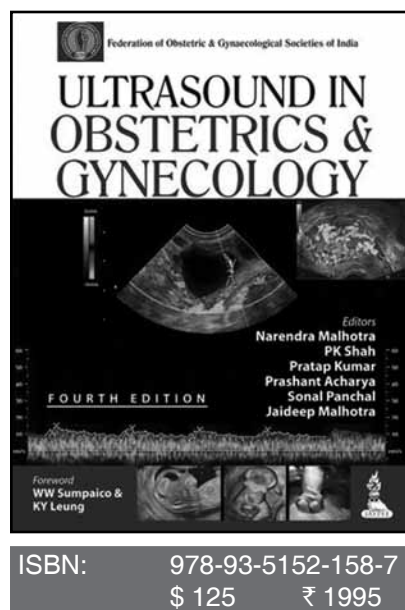


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Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology

The fourth edition of this FOGSI textbook 'Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology' comes as a pleasant surprise. The printing and layout has an international class, and the content has been extensively revised, expanded and updated. New editors have overseen various sections, and the number of contributors has been massively expanded. Contributions have been made by an impressive list of Indian and Overseas authors. The result is an authoritative text on all aspects of the subject written in a user-friendly style. An interesting feature is coverage of most subjects in at least two chapters by different authors resulting in a mature presentation of all subjects. The scope and depth of the subjects is such that most practitioners will need little else for daily reference. This textbook is indeed a one-stop shop for the pressurized physician.

The editors comfortably cover the subject in seven sections: Physics and Machinery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Infertility, Interventional Procedures, Radiology and Legal and Ethical aspects. The coverage is in depth, profusely illustrated and extensively referenced.

In an ever-evolving technology, such as ultrasound, it is never easy to keep a book from becoming outdated even before it is published. This has been overcome by a remarkably insightful and well-researched content and the contributors need a pat on the back for this. The chapters are extensively illustrated and the perspective of other imaging modalities is well covered. The book serves as a reference text and a workbook at the same time, a rare achievement indeed. The quality of illustrations is excellent, and the legends are brief but encompassing. Protocols have been incorporated in each chapter and in the last section.

The book comes very reasonably priced for its quality and content and I recommend this book not only for departments and libraries but also for postgraduates, private practitioners, sonographers and college faculty as well. It will stand them well in planned study and in problem-solving.

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