



BOOK REVIEW

The Growing Hand: Diagnosis and management of the upper extremity in children

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The large one volume "The Growing Hand" is a unique book by three experienced editors and 136 contributors from various parts of the world. It includes 117 chapters which has been grouped into 21 sections (Prolegomena; Birth, Growth and Development; Essentials; Congenital anomalies; Chromosomal disorders/ Dysplasias/ Disostosis; Hematologic disorders; Collagen disorders; Neuromuscular conditions; Skin and nail conditions; Trauma; Reconstructive Surgery of acquired deformities; Vascular deformities; Tumors; Arthritis; Infections; Microsurgery; Specific orthopedic procedures; Orthotics/ Prosthetics; The child artist; The developing world; and The future).

There are many new ideas in this book. In general the style of the book is clear and concise. The authors have reviewed adequate number of references. Section 20 deals with the problems in the developing world by George A Anderson from CMC, Vellore (India). Chapter 68 on fractures of the forearm bones is well written by Benjamin Joseph from KMC, Manipal (India). Section 21 (The future) includes three chapters: Limb transplantation, Intra-uterine surgery, and Prospects of intrauterine intervention for congenital anomalies. First three sections describe basic concepts required to understand the growing hand. Illustrations are of good quality and are adequate in number. The lay out and over all presentation is impressive. At places, the less experienced surgeons might have to refer to an operative hand surgery book.

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