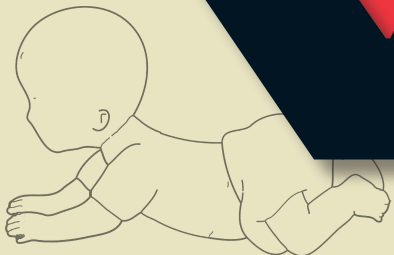


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Foreword

Paediatrics is one of the most challenging fields in medicine. Whether you're a medical student just starting out on your clinical rotations and looking to grasp the initial concepts of paediatrics, or a final year student revising for your degree-qualifying exams, Dr Neel Sharma's new paediatrics SBA and EMQ book will certainly benefit your professional development.

Neel Sharma's SBAs and EMQs simulate many common and not-so-common clinical scenarios, which students are guaranteed to find in both the hospital and primary care setting. In my opinion, this will apply not only to home-grown students but also to students based outside the UK.

Dr Sharma has definitely mastered the art of producing a comprehensive, evidence-based review tool of core paediatric knowledge, while at the same time appealing to a broad audience, which in my opinion is quite a remarkable achievement. You're definitely looking at an invaluable resource, and buying this ebook will help you to rise up to the challenge that is the complexity of paediatrics.

Dr Tiago Villanueva
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Preface

As a recent medical graduate I understand all too well the pressures faced during medical school. Lectures, tutorials, never-ending ward rounds, outpatient clinics, course work assignments and, of course, let us not forget the gruelling end-of-year exams. Trying to retain and, more importantly, understand all the common (and not-so-common) clinical diseases and presentations truly seems an impossible task.

With the advent of the Universities Medical Assessment Partnership (UMAP) there has now been a move away from testing specific clinical facts to an assessment focused on preparing yourself as a foundation doctor and the knowledge such a trainee needs on a daily basis. Currently, 14 UK medical schools are part of UMAP and their exams now require candidates to decide, for example, what would be the most appropriate initial investigation or what management plan they would instigate first when faced with a clinical problem – hardly an easy task based on the little experience one gains as an undergraduate in such decisions.

This self-assessment book is designed to help students tackle both the new form of assessment as well as the traditional style of examination. Questions covering all common paediatric presentations are included as SBA and EMQ formats with relevant, concise explanations as answers.

I sincerely hope that this ebook is of use in preparing for your forthcoming examinations and wish you all the success in your future medical careers.

Neel Sharma
November 2009

Education and work are the levers to uplift a people. Work alone will not do it unless inspired by the right ideals and guided by intelligence.

WEB Du Bois 1868–1963

I would like to dedicate this ebook to my parents, Ravi and Anita, and my sister Ravnita. Without their continued support and encouragement none of this would have truly been possible.

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Questions