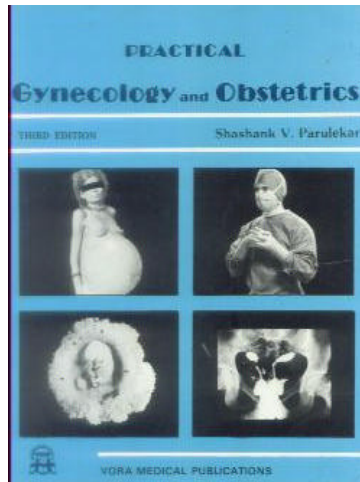


Practical Gynecology and Obstetrics



This book deals with the practical aspects of gynecology and obstetrics. Considering the fact that the theory and practical examinations carry equal marks, it is surprising that while there are countless number of books on the theoretical aspects of the subject, there is none on the practical aspects. I started thinking of such a book when I was a medical student and kept hoping that it would be written by somebody before I sat for my final examination. Unfortunately that was not to be. I felt the need for such a book again during my postgraduate studies and also when I myself started teaching medical students. It was when I started examining medical students and found that they often did not know about practical gynecology and

obstetrics all that they ought to know, that I decided to write this book.

Ideally all medical colleges should have a complete instruments library, a good pathology museum, a good collection of radiographs, ultrasonographs and fetal heart rate tracings, a good input ul patients and busy operation theatres so that the student can learn the subject well. Unfortunately instruments from teaching collections are sometimes lost or broken, radiographs and ultrasonographs are damaged, misplaced or lost, and pathology specimens age even when preserved well. This book is planned to help students who have to learn under circumstances which leave much to be desired. It is not a substitute for the outpatient departments, wards, labor rooms and operation i heal res. hut it is rather an aid to learning in these places.

The student's knowledge of the subject is tested in practical examinations by asking questions on instruments, drugs, pathological specimens, cases, operations, fetal heart rate tracings, ultrasonographs and radiographs. I have dealt with all these in detail in this book. An introductory note has been written at the beginning of each section to explain the approach the student should adopt for discussion of that part of the examination. Illustrations give life to a book that deals with the practical aspects of a subject, and hence I have included a large number of illustrations in this book. There are illustrations of 349 instruments, 61 drawings of contraceptives, 56 drawings of chemical structures of drugs, 66 photographs of pathological specimens, 24 photographs of cases, 361 line drawings illustrating operative techniques, 20 fetal heart rate tracings, 26 ultrasonographs and 44 radiographs. The list of illustrations is really endless, and I would have liked to include many more hut refrained from doing so for fear of making the book voluminous.