

Foreword

Case Studies in Pediatric Anesthesia is a new text edited by Adam C. Adler MS, MD, FAAP, FASE; Arvind Chandrakantan MD, MBA, FAAP, FASA; and Ronald S. Litman, DO, ML. These three academic pediatric anesthesiologists are passionate educators who have a talent for synthesizing information in a way that learners find easy to digest and remember. They all work full time in a busy children's hospital where they teach medical students, residents, and fellows. In addition, they all are active investigators working with both basic scientists and clinical scientists. Their experience as scientists and educators is reflected in their writing. They have chosen to use case studies to teach the practice of pediatric anesthesiology. Each chapter begins with a brief case presentation followed by key questions regarding the case, which are then answered in the text, and the evidence for decision making is presented. As the case progresses, similar to a mystery novel, readers are intrigued to determine

the outcome. Learners are more likely to retain the information because of the feeling of being involved with an actual patient.

The editors have assembled a large number of experts in pediatric anesthesiology, pediatric surgery, and pediatric cardiology to author the chapters. These authors present information that is up-to-date and practical. Most importantly, as chief editors they have actively edited the individual chapters to ensure that the information flows in the same way throughout each chapter and that there is a similar voice for each chapter, making it much easier for readers to digest. I feel that readers of this textbook will find this format and writing style fun and informative to read and easy to retain. Lastly, I must admit my personal bias; I have worked with all three editors and find each of them to have a great sense of humor and broad interests outside medicine.

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