Book Review


Although the influence of the British authors is clearly evident, it poses little problem to the reader. One difficulty encountered in chapters 11 and 18 was the use of the Pa as a unit of pressure without associated mmHg conversions. All other chapters conveniently included mmHg conversions with Pa units. A second difficulty was the use of pence and pound as units of cost of solutions (chapter 14) and devices (chapter 17). Where applicable, there is frequent comparison of European and United States data.

Figures and tables are generous and for the most part appropriate for the text. Exceptions to this perhaps occur in four instances when either the figure used is overwhelming for the text material (chapter 9) or the figure does not do justice to the text point being made (chapters 7 and 16). Manuscript preparation errors are few and in no way detract from the flow of the text. References are generous in all chapters (except 5) and the inclusion of reference sources within the text is very much appreciated.

To conclude, I find this text to be a welcome addition to my library. Although some of the material will date quickly (particularly data related to devices), the book will remain a valuable resource for review and thought for years to come.

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