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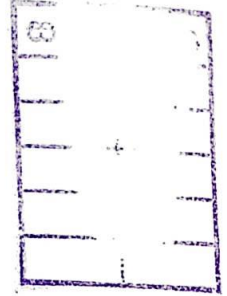
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Preface

In the final MBBS examination and in postgraduate examinations in medicine students need to prepare for short cases, an assessment which includes examination of the four main systems within a given period (5 or 6 minutes for examination and 3 or 4 minutes for questioning). Students are assessed under 3 main areas; examination technique, ability to detect physical signs accurately and workout a correct and sensible diagnosis.

There are many books written on this area (examination skills) but we have noticed that students have a lot of difficulties in learning these during their clinical training and therefore difficulties in coping up with the short cases. In this book I have presented comprehensive details on examination skills in a simple manner and flow charts and diagrams that will allow students to interpret their findings easily.

In addition I have tried to highlight the important physical signs under each system and its relevance in working out the common diagnosis as well as the important points in the technique of examination. At the end of each section there will be a list of common short cases and how to summarise the cases before presentation considering the complications and the possible aetiology.

I feel this book will be a useful companion to medical students from their beginning of clinical training and also will be an asset to the postgraduate trainees in medicine for quick revision.

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FLASH CARD



GENERAL EXAMINATION



CLINICAL SIGN



ALGORITHM



SPECIAL POINTS



SHORT CASE

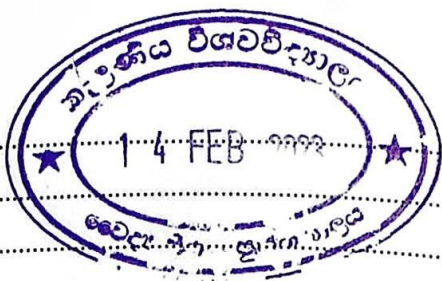


Easily overseen critical points that should not to be missed!



Non-essential points that may give you more marks.

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