

# BOOKS, SOFTWARE, AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA

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- **The Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Illustrated Manual of Ophthalmology.** Second edition. By Neil J. Friedman, Roberto Pineda II, and Peter K. Kaiser. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, W.B. Saunders, 1998. 464 pages, index, illustrated. \$49.95

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THE MASSACHUSETTS EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY *Illustrated Manual of Ophthalmology* is an excellent addition to the currently available group of ophthalmology texts that provide not only concise summaries of various ophthalmic disorders but also specific diagnostic and therapeutic recommendations. The authors have impressively accomplished their goal of creating a "user-friendly diagnostic atlas that integrates essential therapeutic information."

The book is divided into 12 chapters covering the different anatomic regions of the eye and various aspects of the ocular examination. Examples of chapters include "Ocular Motility/Cranial Nerves," "Retinal/Choroid," and "Optic Nerve/Glaucoma." Overall, the book covers nearly every ophthalmic problem encountered in practice. Within each chapter, the ocular disorders are organized in an outline format that includes a description of the entity and its symptoms, signs, and differential diagnosis. Recommendations for evaluation are also provided, as are highlighted sections on the management of the disorder.

One of the strongest features of this book lies in its illustrations. The authors have included quite an impressive collection of high-quality photographs in the book. With more than 450 photographs, the

majority of which are in color, the pertinent findings for many of the disorders are excellently illustrated.

Finally, the book has appendices that provide a useful guide to commonly used ophthalmic abbreviations and ophthalmic medications and dosages. The book also provides a list of eponyms and a list of common Spanish ophthalmic phrases that are extremely useful for anyone providing ophthalmic care to a Hispanic population.

As the authors note, this book was not intended to be an exhaustive review on the various ocular diseases. Rather, its strength lies in its concise summaries and carefully selected illustrations that allow the reader to have a good starting point in making a diagnosis and formulating a treatment plan. Furthermore, the book is small enough to be conveniently carried in one's bag and can be easily referenced "on the go." Ophthalmologists in training, general ophthalmologists, and primary care providers will likely find this book to be an excellent resource, whether in the emergency department or in the office setting.

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- **Fluorescein and ICG Angiography Text and Atlas.** Second edition. By G. Richard. New York, New York, Thieme Medical Publishers, 1998. 369 pages, 890 illustrations.

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THE SECOND EDITION OF RICHARD'S *FLUORESCIN and ICG Angiography Text and Atlas* is enhanced by the use of color illustrations. Dr Richard's origi-