



Primary Care Ophthalmology (2nd edition)

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The preface of this book states that it is a practical guide to eye care and is designed for general practitioners and other medical practitioners who are not ophthalmologists or ophthalmology trainees.

This book does an admirable job of meeting its objectives. It contains 17 chapters and 300 very good colour illustrations. There are numerous other diagrams.

The material is presented predominantly in note form with a brief introduction about each condition and then bullet points under the headings of symptoms, signs, differential diagnosis, and treatment.

In short this is an excellent book. It is designed to be dipped into to remind people what to look for and what to consider. It also gives good overviews, and there are plenty of good quality illustrations that would easily enable you compare the patient in front of you with the given illustrations in order to come to an opinion.

There are a number of books on the market which cover this sort of area, but this would have to be one of the best. It would be my recommendation that if you were to buy a resource book in ophthalmology to have in your general practice rooms, then this would be the one to buy.

It also comes with the added advantage that there is software inside that enables the book to be downloaded on to your personal digital assistant (PDA) and this would be hugely helpful for those who are mobile in their consulting.

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