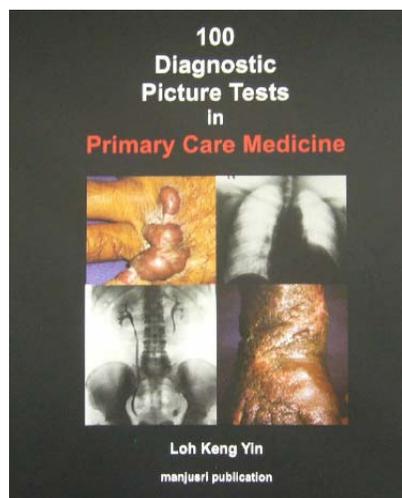


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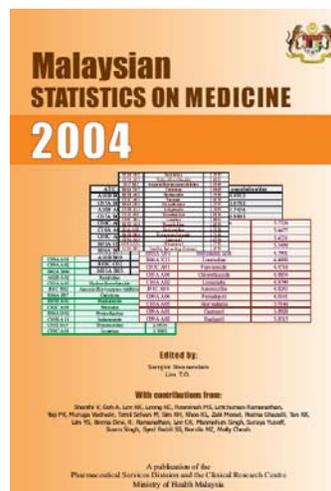
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This book concentrates on the common skin problems and radiological findings in our local general practice setting. Undergraduate medical students and postgraduate trainees in family medicine should find it useful and interesting as medical education assessments are now geared towards OSCE and OSPE (Objective structured clinical / physical examination) format. Clinical scenarios, questions and answers are presented in a concise and comprehensive manner for quick reference and self-assessment. The book cover is well designed, quality of the pictures and printing materials are of acceptable standard.

Topics chosen are appropriate and relevant to our day-to-day general practice in Malaysia. Questions and answers are organised in such a way as to be able to present more factual information to the readers with regard to the pathogenesis, clinical features, differential diagnoses, investigations and management plan of specific medical conditions. It would be good to categorise the pictures under the headings, e.g. dermatology, physical examination, radiology, etc. The author has recommended reference to other medical textbooks for detailed understanding of the specific diseases mentioned in this book.

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MALAYSIAN STATISTICS ON MEDICINE 2004



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The *Statistics On Medicine 2004* is the first report of the National Medicines Use Survey (NMUS), an ambitious project of the Ministry of Health (MOH) to collect information on the supply, procurement, prescription, dispensing and use of drugs in Malaysia. The current report is based on data collected from hospitals, clinics and pharmacies in both the public and private sectors. For the first time, the quantity and type of commonly used medicines in Malaysia (excluding over-the-counter drugs) is now available. The information helps to quantify the healthcare expenditure attributed to drugs, and through the use of DDD (Defined Daily Dose per 1000 inhabitants per day), allow international comparisons of the drug utilisation data with our neighbouring countries.

It is gratifying to note that 101 public primary care clinics (Klinik Kesihatan) and 188 private clinics contributed prescribing data to the NMUS. Their contribution to this survey is a support for the proposed National Medicines Policy.

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