



Book Review

I received a book entitled "Spina Bifida Management and Outcome" from M. Memet Özek, one of the editors. The other editors are Giuseppe Cinalli and Virginia J. Maixner and the book was printed by Springer in 2008. This book covers all aspects of Spina Bifida from the historical review of the disease to psychological problems. There are 67 contributors from 12 different countries and ten are from Turkey. The book is divided into 8 sections starting with General Considerations and followed by the other sections: Antenatal Diagnosis and Treatment, Initial Management, Secondary Management, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Problems, Urology, Psychological Aspects and Occult Spinal Dysraphism.

Although the complex pathological condition of spina bifida is rarely seen in developed countries, it can still be seen in developing and undeveloped countries, creating medical and ethical problems. Previously treated patients also come back to the doctors with newly developed problems such as kyphosis and scoliosis related to their initial pathologies.

This book also covers these problems besides the pathology, embryology, and the surgical management of the disease itself. The sections are all written by experts in spina bifida and their own fields of medicine.

Beside the scientific content of this book, the pictures and print quality are very high, making the subjects more understandable by the readers. The references of the sections are up to date.

I believe this is a very helpful reference book to understand the whole aspect of Spina Bifida for all neurosurgeons and also for other specialists who deal with it occasionally.

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