A lot of literary works have been done on squint but still there is a dearth of standard books on strabismus for post graduate students. No doubt, surgery of squint is done by many ophthalmologists, but mostly, it is on cosmetic grounds and that too without the help of proper orthoptic department. It is also a fact that general public is reluctant to have treatment, particularly surgical treatment of squint, as this malady is considered to be due to displeasure of some goddess. The importance is not to cure deviation, but to improve binocular function. The prevalence of squint in Indian population is estimated to be 3- 4 % and prevalence of amblyopia 1%.

Squint topics are very much comprehensive so the author has tried to simplify them by providing their description in simple and easily understood language. Most controversial aspects of certain condition have been deliberately left out for the sake of easy understanding. This book includes materials from Duke – Elder, Kyeth Lyle, von Noordan, Kanski, Muller and Peymann.

This book gives a reasonable background for understanding the ocular muscles and their functional anomalies. The surgeon’s update knowledge of the subject, efficiency and dedication altogether can find solution to the squint problem. Appropriate diagrams, figures and photographs have been provided in this book. I do hope the postgraduates are benefited by going through this work, not only during the course of their formal study but also, subsequently in their practices.

Much of the information in this book can be found in a number of other ophthalmology text books. The table of contents is similar to that of many other books already in print. So why bother to write a new ophthalmology text? The value of the book is in the unique manner in which the material is presented, continuing the tradition of the Secrets Series has established in numerous other specialties. The question – and – answer “Socratic Method” format reflects the process by which a large portion of clinical medical education actually takes place.

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Dr. Hoyos’s Step by Step Lamellar Corneal Graft

Edited by Eduardo Arenas, Jairo E Hoyos
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The time for lamellar keratoplasty has finally arrived; an old surgical procedure has always been outshined by the more glamorous technique of penetrating keratoplasty. Lamellar keratoplasty (LK) has fallen in and out of favor, being regarded as a tectonic procedure or as graft for superficial corneal scars. The editors of this book, Arenas and Hoyos, are experienced corneal surgeons, well known writers and editors of scientific articles. They have seen the need for this publications and have undertaken the formidable task of putting together actual information about a variety of techniques and indications for partial lamellar keratoplasty, some so revolutionary that they are still unknown in some medical centers. To this effect, they have obtained collaboration of a group of internationally known corneal surgeons to write specialized chapters.

The numerous papers included in this book illustrate the multiple techniques and indications for this type of surgery at the present time. Some procedures were not even dreamed of a few years back, expect in the minds of a few that were ahead of their time.

The table of contents shows what pathologists call “sequence of events”; in this case, how a procedure has been gradually changed and perfected through the years with the help of new ideas and technical innovation.

This review of the most recent lamellar keratoplasty techniques will be informative for the anterior segment surgeon.
Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS)

Edited by Ashok Garg, Francisco J Gutierrez-Carmona, Luther L Fry, Amulya Sahu, M S Ravindra
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First edition – 2008
Price Rs 395/-

Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS) has improved significantly with the passage of time. Similar visual results can be obtained as with phaco with much lesser costs. Being proficient in MSICS not only makes the ophthalmologists independent of machine technology but also it has many other advantages as it is very useful in difficult situations like hard cataracts. Proficiency in MSICS makes the transition to phaco emulsification much easy. This Mini Atlas of MSICS contains 15 chapters covering various techniques of MSICS beautifully by International Masters of this field. All MSICS techniques are described with more figures step by step for better understanding. Video DVD ROM provided with this book shows various important MSICS techniques by experts in this field.

This book is mainly dedicated to describe several manual techniques including nuclear manipulation or fragmentation, fragment extraction, strategies in the use of several viscoelastic devices, the use of an anterior chamber maintainer, etc. A whole chapter on complications and their avoidance is also included. In other words, the reader will find many ideas to either learn or enrich from this manual small incision cataract surgery mini atlas.

This Mini Atlas on MSICS shall be invaluable companion to ophthalmologists as ready reckoner in operation theatre and clinical OPD for quick review.

Basic Ophthalmology

Author - Renu Jogi
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The need for a textbook for undergraduate medical students in ophthalmology dealing with the basic concepts and recent advances has been felt for a long-time. Keeping in mind the changed curriculum, this book is intended primarily as a first step in commencing and continuing the study for the fundamentals of ophthalmology. In essence, Basic Ophthalmology is both a ‘text book’ and a ‘note book’ that might as well have been written in the student’s own hand. The idea is for the student to relate to the material; and not merely to memorize it mechanically for reproducing it during an examination. The past few years have witnessed not only an alarming multiplication of information in the field of ophthalmology, but more significantly, a definite paradigmatic shift in the focus and direction of ophthalmic research and study. The student will thus find a new section devoted to a discussion on Visual Display Terminal Syndrome (VDTS) that is an outcome of excessive exposure of the eyes to the computer monitor as well as the use of contact lenses. Two additional sections deal with the Early Treatment for Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) classification and Scheie’s classification for hypertensive retinopathy that replaces the pre-existent taxonomy prevalent for little less than seven decades.
Salient features of this book are:

- Fully revised and updated.
- Written as per syllabi of Indian Universities.
- Presents the basic aspects as well as recent advances in ophthalmology comprehensively.
- Highlights Visual Display Terminal Syndrome and ETDRS and Scheie’s classifications of hypertensive retinopathy as new additions.
- Covers more than 500 MCQs with answers for easy recall of the concepts.
- Useful for graduate and postgraduate students and teachers as well as practicing ophthalmologists.

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ERRATUM

In the June 2009 issue an error in the names of the authors for the article in Community Ophthalmology was inadvertently published. We sincerely apologise for this error

The corrected names of authors are

1. Dr. [Mrs.] R. Jose MD      2. Dr. Sandeep Sachdeva MD, DNB
Also find anagrams of squint, lists of words starting with squint, ending with squint and containing squint. Squint is an acceptable dictionary word for games like scrabble, words with friends, crossword, etc. The word 'squint' is made up of 6 letters. Meanings: (n) abnormal alignment of one or both eyes. (s) (used especially of glances) directed to one side with or as if with doubt or suspicion or envy; "her eyes with their misted askance look"- Elizabeth Bowen; "sidelong glances".