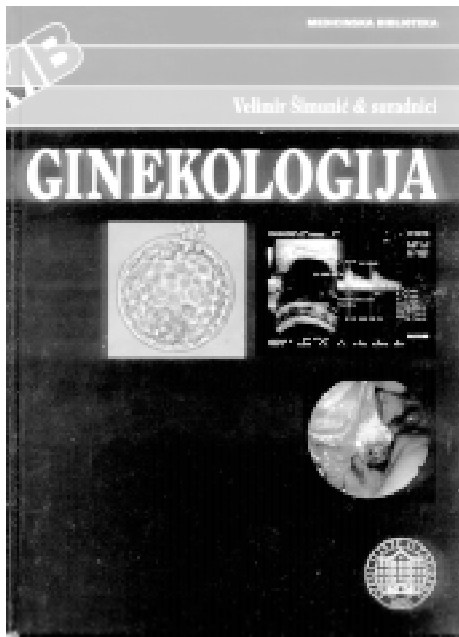


BOOK REVIEW



GINEKOLOGIJA (GYNECOLOGY), by Velimir Šimunić *et al.*, eds. Medicinska biblioteka, Zagreb, 2001, 523 pages.

The past decade has witnessed a rapid proliferation of technologies and procedures in the field of medicine. Gynecology has been part of this technologic explosion. Hopefully, it happened in our country as well. For these reasons, and much more indeed, the time for the new book has come. And finally, after nearly 15 years we do have a new textbook of gynecology. Professor Šimunić and 27 coworkers have written a superb textbook intended for medical students, trainees in gynecology, and postgraduate students. It has been acknowledged as a textbook by

the University of Zagreb. The textbook has been critically examined by three very distinguished experts in the field. The book will also be more than useful for specialists in gynecology. It is written in a modern educational style, based on the recent literature, containing many diagrams and tables. It is needless to mention that it is nicely illustrated with numerous modern photographs. The book has 49 chapters that cover the anatomy of the female genital tract, hormones, menstrual cycle, puberty, intersexualism, abortion, extrauterine pregnancy, juvenile gynecology, menstrual disorders, gynecologic malignancies, endoscopic surgery, infertility, postmenopausal changes, and many other topics. At the end of each chapter there is a list of papers to which the reader can refer for any further information. Additionally, at the end of the book, an index is added for convenience. All chapters are written so as to provide up-to-date information about new technologies and developments in the field of gynecology. It also includes new and controversial issues in gynecologic surgery, such as laparoscopic management of adnexal masses, and new strategies for ovarian and cervical cancer. The purpose of it is not just to teach on something new but to help clinicians incorporate these in their practices in a manner that will help their patients. This may as well be the reason why some chapters of the book seem to be too detailed for medical students. The authors stress that the book of questions will be published soon as a useful tool which will help them prepare for the exam.

It should be noted that we deal with a very useful and entertaining book. And, somehow, I do believe that we ought to thank the authors for providing us with such a good book.

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