Pediatric Neuroradiology: Clinical Practice Essentials

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The author is to be congratulated on producing a really excellent first edition of the ‘beginner’s guide’ to paediatric neuroimaging.

The book is clearly written and is aimed at junior trainees in paediatric neuro-sciences or junior radiology trainees.

It covers the essential elements required to gain a basic understanding of paediatric neuroradiology, for examinations such as the FRCR IIa and IIb as well as providing practical guidance on producing reports. The imaging is of good quality, illustrates key areas of the text and is supported by excellent line diagrams and anatomy diagrams where appropriate.

There are areas of the text which will inevitably feel too short given the brevity of the discussion allowed on subjects such as NAI and brain tumours. However expanding all sections of the book would end up with a much larger text, which would then be too obviously in direct competition with established single-volume large books in this field.

There are appendices detailing simple imaging and MRI protocols, thoughts on dictation with sample report templates and finally a quick reference section including studies to perform, important clinical information, where to double check on a scan, pertinent positives and negatives together with follow-up recommendations. I was not sure about these appendices but the medical students and junior radiologists who have seen the book found them very useful.
One has the clear impression that the book has been written by an author/teacher who has spent many years distilling the essential information required to enthuse and train junior radiologists so that they are prepared to understand the cases presented in paediatric neuroscience MDTs and so that they can begin to review imaging and construct reports for common neuroimaging investigations. For instance, the chapter on metabolic disorders seems to be crammed in to 11 pages, but the chapter makes sense in a way that larger chapters or indeed entire textbooks covering this taxing topic do not.

The final unanswered question will be the RRP for the book and whether the publishers find cohorts of trainees or institutions who will buy this book? I believe that more senior paediatric or neuroradiology trainees will continue to need to access one of the larger paediatric neuroimaging texts to provide greater detail.

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