

Clinical Problems in Primary Care/Family Medicine (with questions and answers)

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This 700 page tome is a refreshing addition to the existing ones in family medicine. It stands out on a number of counts. Firstly, the text essentially consists of 250 clinical problems with titles ranging from "the common cold" to "rabies to the fore", each of which consists of a brief description followed by a series of questions and answers. Secondly, the clinical problems are based on actual cases and the authenticity is obvious. The scope of the clinical problems permits wide coverage but at the same time makes the book very readable. What is particularly appealing is that the cases are based on Malaysian practice and would be particularly relevant to Malaysian readers. Thirdly, the book is well structured and while the answers are not on

the same page as the questions so as not to spoil the fun of attempting the questions, they are easily accessed. This was clearly not intended to be a comprehensive textbook of medicine and the questions have been carefully designed to highlight the key facts. The author's extensive clinical and teaching experience is reflected in this book which is essentially "bedside teaching" captured in print. It is eminently suitable for undergraduate students, postgraduate students needing a quick revision and practicing clinicians.

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