

# A Review of Diseases in Malaysia

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This is a single author volume containing diseases ranging from Padi Planters keratitis to jenkol and Segawa syndrome to Transplantation. The chapters include all relevant areas of medicine and in addition has an introduction on the history and demography of Malaysia, which is very useful to the reader. The numerous tables and figures adapted from the publications are helpful. The source of references are obviously most local journals as well as indexed international journals. Hence, journals from abroad that are not indexed are not featured. There are some spelling errors as well as errors in figures from published papers however, the important conclusions are correct. The author has invited any changes or important omissions.

It is arguable whether current trainees in all subspecialty fields of medicine have a grasp of the common diseases within their individual specialty in Malaysia. This book enables the trainee at a glance to identify the common conditions that occur in Malaysia. Most specialist training programs in Malaysia have a research component as part of the higher degree. This book enables one to review the research that has been done and in certain areas makes suggestions where more work is needed, for example does fasting really increase the risk of pancreatitis? One can easily use the index to find the area of interest and either further the research on published data or identify areas that require research for example, it is obvious that research in coloproctology is lacking.

In summary, the author has to be congratulated on his achievement in bringing this unique book to a second edition with updates in all major areas. Authors of publications omitted or in non-indexed journals should send their papers to the author for review. This book should be made available in all libraries in Malaysia as well as to all medical practitioners in Malaysia.

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