

## BOOK REVIEW

### **EMERGENCY MEDICINE: THE PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE**

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The recent release of the sixth edition of *Emergency Medicine: the Principles of Practice*, is testimony to the enduring popularity of this compact reference text, which was first



published 25 years ago under the editorship of Professor Gordian Fulde.

This multi-authored, comprehensive book presents the essential information of emergency medicine in an accessible and succinct format. All chapters are written by senior Australian physicians, which makes the content attractive and pertinent to the local context. The quick reference section at the front of the book is especially helpful for rapid diagnosis and treatment strategies.

I find that the printed text can be difficult to read comfortably in places due to poor colour contrast, and some of the CT images are indistinct and grainy. The dermatology chapter would be enhanced by colour illustrations of the skin diseases described.

These minor criticisms aside, the latest edition of this practical book will be used on a daily basis by emergency department staff. It is to be recommended to medical students and junior clinicians undertaking training in emergency medicine, and also to more experienced clinicians who require access to the latest practice guidelines and management protocols.

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