Williams Hematology (7th Edition)

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This classic haematology text, now in its 7th edition, has undergone a significant re-organisation in response to the increased number of facts amassed in the understanding of the diseases of blood cells and coagulation proteins. The production of this book brought together 150 contributors and it is this breadth and depth that permits them to have a significant impact on the quality of this textbook.

Several areas in which there were separate chapters (previous editions) on basic science aspects of a topic and on relevant clinical disorders have been combined, so that both basic and clinical material are found in one chapter. This organisation makes it easier to access the full range of information for both the novice and advanced ‘learner’ in haematology and reduces duplication of text and references.

Each chapter is informative in the fewest words possible and provides a balance between basic science and clinical information, with the inclusion of current references.

This text also includes 25 colour plates that refer to blood, marrow and lymph node pathology, gene expression profiles and patient clinical findings that are best illustrated in colour.

This 1856-page hardcover book wasn’t exactly suited for my backpack, so it was welcome in electronic form on the McGraw-Hill book company website. It is planned to have periodic updates on the site, enhancing the timeliness of information available in haematology.

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