Step by step small incision cataract surgery
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There are a number of books in the step by step series published by the Jaypee Brothers. The volume on small incision cataract surgery is a compilation of articles dealing with each step of the entire process of small incision cataract surgery in a concise and well-prepared manner. Each topic is covered from various angles and finally the author’s preferences are clearly stated.

The book starts with a well-argued case for the need for SICS in the present day scenario. Special emphasis on the low cost of SICS in high volume set up is highlighted with a number of references. Instrumentation for SICS has been covered in detail along with plenty of good quality photographs of relevant instruments.

The procedure per se has been covered in detail by allocating chapters for patient preparation and anaesthesia, incisions, anterior capsulotomy, hydro procedures, nucleus delivery, cortical aspiration and IOLs. All the current techniques in vogue for each of the steps mentioned above are discussed in detail. Prevention and management of complications and postoperative infections are also covered in separate chapters. The book is accompanied by 2 very informative interactive CDs. Each step of the SICS procedure is demonstrated clearly and in a simple manner. This book is extremely useful for surgeons starting to do SICS and also for practitioners already doing SICS but looking to widen their repertoire of techniques.

Step by step Neuro ophthalmology-clinical examination and diagnosis
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Neuro ophthalmology is a confusing subject to say the least. When you read the textbooks with total concentration, the subject appears extremely logical and hence, like unraveling a ball of string, if you follow the thought through from beginning to end, i.e. from the eye to the occipital cortex everything is crystal clear for a moment. The difficulty is in holding on to the thought... because once your attention wanders the thought blurs around the edges. Soon it becomes nebulous and in no time vanishes into nothingness! This in effect sums up my concept of Neuro ophthalmology. This is precisely where this book comes in handy. Most of the books on Neuro ophthalmology are voluminous tomes with lot of unnecessary details as far as clinical practice is concerned. If you have this book handy in your clinic the moment a Neuro ophthalmic case walks into your OP, you can work up the case as if by a set protocol. Undoubtedly a lot of hard work has gone into making this book, which makes the Neuro ophthalmology workup look ridiculously easy. If you
are looking for in-depth analysis this is the wrong place to look for it.
All aspects of a neuroophthalmology work up from history taking; basic examinations, special examinations and investigations are covered in separate sections with separate chapters, denoted for further sub divisions. All common disorders seen in such cases are dealt with comprehensively in a separate section. The last section is denoted to a self-evaluation through MCQs. The questions are based on the text and are easy once you’ve read the book through.

Overall a book which is handy for the post graduate students especially for their practical exams and for the average ophthalmologist who is not dealing with neuroophthalmology cases on a day to day basis but would like to work up the case adequately instead of hurriedly referring the patient to a neurophysician or neurosurgeon. This book is accompanied by 2 interactive CD ROMS with excellent videos demonstrating simple and complex clinical tests used in the assessment of a neuroophthalmology case. Definitely value for money for both students and the practicing clinician.

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