

**BOOK REVIEW**

**Principles of Assessment in Medical Education**

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*Principles of Assessment in Medical Education*

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Medical education in India is coming to an age, more and more teachers are participating in various forums where different aspects of medical education technology are discussed. One of the perceived deficiencies that are frequently deliberated is the paucity of books on medical education written by Indian authors. We had a very comprehensive book written on assessment a long time back but with new methods and concepts coming in, it was high time for book on Assessment to come in the market. Dr. Tejinder Singh and Dr. Anshu’s book *Principles of Assessment in Medical Education* makes an entry at the right time.

Assessment has been included as one of the chapters in a few of the books available in India, but a comprehensive book on the topic is very much needed as we all agree that it is the assessment that drives the learning by the students. So the knowledge of the scientific basis for carrying out a valid and reliable assessment is a dire need of the hour and this has been completely addressed in this book.

This is the first edition of the book, published in 2012, by Jaypee brother medical publishers (ISBN: 978-93-5025-885-9) with 17 contributors for 23 chapters and is priced at $20 or Rs. 295/-. Twenty of these chapters are directly related to assessment where as three are on student feedback, faculty development and web resources for assessment, thus not dealing with the assessment as such. These topics add to the value of the book.

There are quite a few topics which are new for the Indian audience i.e., assessing professional competence, the blue printing, standard setting, portfolio in learning and assessment, assessment in community based education, mini-CEX etc. The other topics which are traditionally covered in assessment books have a lot of new information with plenty of references for further reading. Each concept, whether new or old, is very well illustrated with

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