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This report explores the main reasons behind the unreliable supply of Technetium-99m (Tc-99m) in health-care systems and policy options to address the issue. Tc-99m is used in 85% of nuclear medicine diagnostic scans performed worldwide - around 30 million patient examinations every year. These scans allow diagnoses of diseases in many parts of the human body, including the skeleton, heart and circulatory system, and the brain. Medical isotopes are subject to radioactive decay and have to be delivered just-in-time through a complex supply chain. However, ageing production facilities and a lack of investment have made the supply of Tc-99m unreliable. This report analyses the use and substitutability of Tc-99m in health care, health-care provider payment mechanisms for scans, and the structure of the supply chain. It concludes that the main reasons for unreliable supply are that production is not economically viable and that the structure of the supply chain prevents producers from charging prices that reflect the full costs of production and supply.

This book meets the growing demand among ophthalmologists, optometrists and orthoptists, in training and in practice, as well as visual neuroscientists, to have a clear, succinct and well-written textbook to objectively cover the subject of ocular and visual physiology. Ocular and visual physiology is a core knowledge component for these disciplines, and yet is often difficult to understand. However, this book clearly conveys the simple elegance of the relationship between structure and function that is the hallmark of understanding the physiology of the eye and visual system. Ocular and Visual Physiology – Clinical Application is essential reading for any one hoping to have a clear understanding of the subject. Students will find it a great

resource to pass their exams. Each of the chapters has been independently reviewed and edited by an expert in the field with a clinical or visual scientific academic background. The text is based on the latest publications in peer-reviewed journals that are closely referenced within the body of the text.

Enhance your airway management skills and overcome clinical challenges with Benumof and Hagberg's *Airway Management, 3rd Edition*. Trusted by anesthesiologists, residents, and nurse anesthetists, this one-of-a-kind anesthesiology reference offers expert, full-color guidance on pre- and post-intubation techniques and protocols, from equipment selection through management of complications. Consult this title on your favorite e-reader with intuitive search tools and adjustable font sizes. Elsevier eBooks provide instant portable access to your entire library, no matter what device you're using or where you're located. Practice with confidence by consulting the only reference exclusively dedicated to airway management, and trusted by anesthesiologists, residents, and nurse anesthetists for up-to-date information on every aspect of the field. Focus on the most essential and practical information with a concise, how-to approach, carefully chosen illustrations, and case examples and analysis throughout. Apply the latest know-how with new chapters on video laryngoscopes and airway management during CPR, plus comprehensive updates throughout from Dr. Carin Hagberg and many new contributing experts on airway management. Select the most appropriate techniques for difficult cases using the latest ASA guidelines. Gain a rich visual perspective on complex procedures and monitoring techniques with hundreds of new full-color illustrations throughout. View videos of intubation and airway management procedures online at [www.expertconsult.com](http://www.expertconsult.com), plus access the entire, searchable contents of the book.

Information technology is revolutionizing healthcare, and the uptake of health information technologies is rising, but scientific research and industrial and governmental support will be needed if these technologies are to be implemented effectively to build capacity at regional, national and global levels. This book, "Improving Usability, Safety and Patient Outcomes with Health Information Technology", presents papers from the Information Technology and Communications in Health conference, ITCH 2019, held in Victoria, Canada from 14 to 17 February 2019. The conference takes a multi-perspective view of what is needed to move technology forward to sustained and widespread use by transitioning research findings and approaches into practice. Topics range from improvements in usability and training and the need for new and improved designs for information systems, user interfaces and interoperable solutions, to governmental policy, mandates, initiatives and the need for regulation. The knowledge and insights gained from the ITCH 2019 conference will surely stimulate fruitful discussions and collaboration to bridge research and practice and improve usability, safety and patient outcomes, and the book will be of interest to all those associated with the development, implementation and delivery of health IT solutions.

Rapid or even dramatic progress has been made in the field of AMD over recent years, leading to a constant revision of basic concepts. A wide range of fundus imaging modalities are now available, and this book explains the respective value of each technique. The information provided by OCT is presented logically by comparison with plain films, autofluorescence, fluorescein angiography, or indocyanine green angiography. Meticulous biomicroscopic examination of macular changes and the essential value of fluorescein angiography for the detection of anatomical alterations of the macula and for precise evaluation of lesions and their

course by indocyanine green angiography have naturally led the author Gabriel Coscas to analyze the new data provided by OCT.

OCT is a relatively new imaging technique that is becoming increasingly popular among ophthalmologists in both private and academic settings. Imaging has been a slow moving area in ophthalmology for some time, but now OCT is providing another, more detailed source of demonstrable change in the eye, in diagnostic, therapeutic or post-surgical setting. OCT and ultrasound both measure advancing disease states and post surgical healing. The difference is that OCT shows more subtle changes, particularly post-surgically.

This volume presents the contributions of the 6th International Conference on Advancements of Medicine and Health Care through Technology – MediTech 2018, held between 17 – 20 October 2018 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The papers of this Proceedings volume present new developments in : - Health Care Technology - Medical Devices, Measurement and Instrumentation - Medical Imaging, Image and Signal Processing - Modeling and Simulation - Molecular Bioengineering - Biomechanics

For the first time, a single reference identifies medical technology assessment programs. A valuable guide to the field, this directory contains more than 60 profiles of programs that conduct and report on medical technology assessments. Each profile includes a listing of report citations for that program, and all the reports are indexed under major subject headings. Also included is a cross-listing of technology assessment report citations arranged by type of technology headings, brief descriptions of approximately 70 information sources of potential interest to technology assessors, and addresses and descriptions of 70 organizations with memberships, activities, publications, and other functions relevant to the medical technology

assessment community.

This volume provides practical experimental laboratory protocols for a wide range of steroid bioconversions. The chapters in this book cover topics such as bioconversions and chemical synthesis pathways; strain characterization; bioconversion from sterols to androstenedione and androstadienedione; steroid hydroxylations; biocatalysis; and downstream processes to purify steroid intermediates. Written in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology* series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Comprehensive and thorough, *Microbial Steroids: Methods and Protocols* is a valuable resource for laboratory and industrial professionals. It is also useful for graduate students studying biotechnology, microbiology, genetics, and molecular biology.

A multidisciplinary reference guide covering critical techniques to the safe management of the challenging pediatric airway.

This comprehensive medical textbook is a compendium of the latest information on healthcare quality. The text provides knowledge about the theory and practical applications for each of the core areas that comprise the field of medical quality management as well as insight and essential briefings on the impact of new healthcare technologies and innovations on medical quality and improvement. The third edition provides significant new content related to medical quality management and quality improvement, a user-friendly format, case studies, and updated learning objectives. This textbook also serves as source material for the American Board of Medical Quality in the development of its core curriculum and certification

examinations. Each chapter is designed for a review of the essential background, precepts, and exemplary practices within the topical area: Basics of Quality Improvement Data Analytics for the Improvement of Healthcare Quality Utilization Management, Case Management, and Care Coordination Economics and Finance in Medical Quality Management External Quality Improvement — Accreditation, Certification, and Education The Interface Between Quality Improvement and Law Ethics and Quality Improvement With the new edition of Medical Quality Management: Theory and Practice, the American College of Medical Quality presents the experience and expertise of its contributors to provide the background necessary for healthcare professionals to assume the responsibilities of medical quality management in healthcare institutions, provide physicians in all medical specialties with a core body of knowledge related to medical quality management, and serve as a necessary guide for healthcare administrators and executives, academics, directors, medical and nursing students and residents, and physicians and other health practitioners.

Suppose I am a blind man, and I use a stick. I go tap, tap, tap. Where do I start? Is my mental system bounded at the handle of the stick? Is it bounded by my skin? Does it start halfway up the stick? Does it start at the tip of the stick? (Bateson, 1972:459; Form, Substance and Difference) One of the most amazing capacities of the human mind is its ability to go beyond its boundaries. The well-known example of the blind man by Gregory Bateson helps us understand how our mind is able to expand its potentiality thanks to the use of a tool. This famous example demonstrates two specific features that characterize the relationship between the human mind and the use of tool. From a neuropsychological point of view, the tool is integrated in near space, extending it to the end point of the instrument. From a

phenomenological point of view, we are present in the tool because we can use it in an intuitive way to realize our intentions. As Riva and Mantovani suggested, there is also another type of relationship between mind and technology, namely the second-order mediated action. In this case, the subject uses the body to control a distal tool that controls a different one to exert an action upon an external object. An example of a second-order mediated action is what happens with Virtual Reality (VR): I use my body to move an avatar (a distal tool) to exert an action upon an external object (a virtual environment). On one side, the outcome of this process further extends the space of action. From an experiential viewpoint, when interacting in a virtual space, we are also present in the distal virtual environment. On these theoretical bases, it is clear what makes VR development distinctively important is that it represents more than a simple technology in different domains of human society. In recent years, the field of VR has grown immensely. Practical applications for the use of this advanced technology encompasses many fields, from personnel training supported by interactive 3D images in industrial centers, to the use of interactive virtual environments for marketing purposes. One of the newest fields to benefit from the advances in VR technology is medicine and healthcare. Impressive advances in technology, coupled with a reduction in the economic costs have supported the development of more usable, useful, and accessible VR systems that can uniquely target a range of physical, psychological, and cognitive clinical targets and research questions. The aim of the book *Virtual Reality-Technologies, Medical Applications, and Challenges* is twofold: (1) to provide a critical overview of the most interesting medical applications of VR technologies and (2) to reflect on the future challenges in this growing field. Written by luminaries in the field of nursing education, this is the only current and

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comprehensive compendium of important topics in nursing education. It contains more than 175 detailed entries, and will be a valuable reference text for doctoral- and master's-level nursing students, nursing faculty, university and hospital libraries worldwide, and hospital nursing departments and schools. The listing of entries has been carefully culled from recent nursing literature and six volumes of the Annual Review of Nursing Education. Each entry follows a standard template that includes definition, application in nursing education, a synopsis including a brief summary of what is in the literature on the topic, and a concluding summary discussing future development in nursing education. Listings are alphabetized for easy access, and are accompanied by a comprehensive reference list. **KEY FEATURES:** The only current compendium of important topics in nursing education Includes all topics relevant to nursing education based on a review of the literature Alphabetized and consistently formatted for easy access to information Includes comprehensive reference lists per topic Written by expert nurse educators A listing of teaching topics compiled by the editors is available to instructors

Presenting the second edition of this well-received text. A practical, how-to approach concentrates on difficult and complex cardiovascular diseases and the most cost-effective and clinically proven approaches for treatment. Expert contributors offer their extensive experience to cover all clinically relevant procedures clinicians need to know. A comprehensive text covering the field from preliminary investigation to the latest interventional techniques Practical 'how-to' approach to both established and new techniques New edition revised and updated throughout Key topics have been expanded Tighter editing has made the book more concise The only book dedicated to this important area of urology, Ureteric Stenting comprehensively

reviews the entire topic, providing highly specialized advice to enable outstanding clinical management of patients. All aspects of ureteric stenting are covered, from basic to complex, giving urologists, nephrologists and trainees an authoritative and up-to-date guide on best clinical practice.

In the highly anticipated sequel to "Legend, " June and Day make their way to Las Vegas where they join the rebel Patriot group and become involved in an assassination plot against the Elector in hopes of saving the Republic.

Following to previous OWLS conferences devoted to widespread applications of optics in life sciences, this 5th OWLS Conference focuses on recent achievements in applying lasers and optics in biomedicine and the preservation of our cultural heritage. Particular attention is paid to laser diagnostics in medicine, interaction of laser radiation with biological tissue, aspects of the preservation of cultural heritage, and the development of new systems for these studies. The contributors to this volume cover international research activities in the following areas: Laser-tissue interactions and tissue optics - photon migration in tissue; Medical sensors - fiber optics; Clinical use of lasers (dermatology, ENT, cardiology, etc.); Laser-based techniques in art conservation (cleaning, diagnostics, analytical applications); Imaging techniques and lasers in archaeology; Laser technologies in contemporary art (holography, marking, etc.); and New laser and opto-electronic systems for biomedical and art-related studies.

The aim of the anti-doping work is to prevent the use of substances and methods that are hazardous for health and/or improve performance, to ensure the right to fair and pure sports and to control the adherence to the ethical principles of sports and medicine. The national anti-doping committees are responsible for doping control of athletes who participate in organized

sports. They continually update doping regulations that are based on the regulations of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA , [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)). This article describes the general principles of anti-doping regulation and provides guidance and examples for some common situations. Whenever there is uncertainty, check the facts at the website of your national anti-doping organization or WADA.

For more than 40 years, Computerworld has been the leading source of technology news and information for IT influencers worldwide. Computerworld's award-winning Web site ([Computerworld.com](http://Computerworld.com)), twice-monthly publication, focused conference series and custom research form the hub of the world's largest global IT media network.

Mixed Methods in Health Sciences Research: A Practical Primer, by Leslie Curry and Marcella Nunez-Smith, presents key theories, concepts, and approaches in an accessible way. Packed with illustrations from the health sciences literature, this ready-to-use guidebook shows readers how to design, conduct, review, and use mixed methods research findings. Helpful checklists, figures, tables, templates, and much more give readers examples that will elevate the quality of their research, facilitate communication about their methods, and improve efficiency over the course of their projects. Real-world examples and insights from mixed methods researchers provide unique perspectives on every aspect of mixed methods research. This book successfully pulls together foundational mixed methods principles, synthesizes the knowledge base in the field, and translates it for a health science researcher audience. "The content is highly applicable to real life research teams in the areas of clinical research, health services research, and implementation science, providing sound content and practical advice. The authors have synthesized and pull key concepts from a variety of sources to provide a concise

resource.” —Linda M. Herrick, South Dakota State University “Everything from the references, to the topics, checklists, conceptual graphic representations, and organizers, interviews, and resources, all contribute to the content and aid with understanding and/or application. ... It addresses specific MM research as it pertains to health sciences in a way that other texts just do not even attempt.” —Denise L. Winsor, University of Memphis “[This text is] a very pragmatic approach to mixed methods research; excellent resources, tables, and figures [are] provided, along with cases and examples of value to researchers and grant reviewers. Its relevance to practice, education, and research, as well as to potential policy implications, is a strong focus that would make this a valued textbook for any researcher!” ? —Karen Devereaux Melillo, University of Massachusetts Lowell “The text is cutting edge. It leads the way with its focus on team dynamics. [The authors] succeed in making the book relevant and practical. They also articulate a number of key insights in the area of mixed methods that rarely get addressed, such as teams and conflict. Great read with a lot of good, practical information for mixed methods researchers at all levels. The practical approach of this text makes it an innovative and valuable resource.” —John G. Schumacher, University of Maryland

This book presents new technologies which are available now for the rehabilitation of visual acuity in patients suffering from keratoconus and for arresting the progression of this frustrating disease. All these current treatment options in differing combinations aim to improve the quality of life of the patients and although successful, they are causing confusion for the ophthalmologists; what procedure to do and when? How to perform? Which combination of treatments to choose? Controversies in the Management of Keratoconus provides the widely used treatment options for keratoconus including collagen corneal cross-linking (CXL)

covering all the available techniques, intrastromal corneal ring segments (ICRS) , phakic intra-ocular lenses (IOLs), photorefractive keratectomy (PRK) combined or not with CXL penetrating keratoplasty (PK) and deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty ( DALK). Each treatment is addressed by more than one author with different points of view in order to present the various approaches, the logic behind them and the most relevant clinical data available. A chapter by the editor tries to put some light on how to navigate among these controversies. This book will be of interest to trainees as well as the specialized ophthalmologists.

Management Information Systems provides comprehensive and integrative coverage of essential new technologies, information system applications, and their impact on business models and managerial decision-making in an exciting and interactive manner. The twelfth edition focuses on the major changes that have been made in information technology over the past two years, and includes new opening, closing, and Interactive Session cases.

The Second Conference on Mechanisms, Transmissions and Applications - MeTrApp 2013 was organised by the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of the Basque Country (Spain) under the patronage of the IFToMM Technical Committees Linkages and Mechanical Controls and Micromachines and the Spanish Association of Mechanical Engineering. The aim of the workshop was to bring together researchers, scientists, industry experts and students to provide, in a friendly and stimulating environment, the opportunity to exchange know-how and promote collaboration in the field of Mechanism and Machine Science. The topics treated in this volume are mechanism and machine design, biomechanics, mechanical transmissions, mechatronics, computational and experimental methods, dynamics of mechanisms and micromechanisms and microactuators.

Contains a list of all manufacturers and other specified processors of medical devices registered with the Food and Drug Administration, and permitted to do business in the U.S., with addresses and telephone numbers. Organized by FDA medical device name, in alphabetical order. Keyword index to FDA established standard names of medical devices.

Pathology Informatics: Theory & Practice is the first multi- authored, current and comprehensive compendium of the diverse and rapidly expanding field of pathology informatics. It includes all of the critical and practical advice for management, operations, budgeting, and project planning and will serve as a comprehensive review of the field for students, pathologists, and laboratory professionals. This book deals with the role of computing hardware, software and databases involved in the efficient information management for pathology practice, as well as the fundamental science of informatics that is so deeply embedded in this subspecialty. The text builds from basic principles of computer theory to more sophisticated informatics concepts. Databases and data mining; networks and workstations; system interfaces and interoperability. Bioinformatics, imaging informatics, clinical informatics, and public health informatics. Automation and middleware that facilitate complex workflows encountered in both anatomic and clinical pathology practice. Molecular testing and point of care solutions. Coding and nomenclature. Standards in Laboratory Information Systems (LIS) and imaging systems. Project management and business skills. Pathology reporting. Electronic medical records. Specimen tracking and identification. Error reduction and

quality management. Training and education in pathology informatics.

One of the grand challenges in our digital world are the large, complex and often weakly structured data sets, and massive amounts of unstructured information. This “big data” challenge is most evident in biomedical informatics: the trend towards precision medicine has resulted in an explosion in the amount of generated biomedical data sets. Despite the fact that human experts are very good at pattern recognition in dimensions of  $n = 3$ ; most of the data is high-dimensional, which makes manual analysis often impossible and neither the medical doctor nor the biomedical researcher can memorize all these facts. A synergistic combination of methodologies and approaches of two fields offer ideal conditions towards unraveling these problems:

Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) and Knowledge Discovery/Data Mining (KDD), with the goal of supporting human capabilities with machine learning.<sup>1</sup> This state-of-the-art survey is an output of the HCI-KDD expert network and features 19 carefully selected and reviewed papers related to seven hot and promising research areas: Area 1: Data Integration, Data Pre-processing and Data Mapping; Area 2: Data Mining Algorithms; Area 3: Graph-based Data Mining; Area 4: Entropy-Based Data Mining; Area 5: Topological Data Mining; Area 6 Data Visualization and Area 7: Privacy, Data Protection, Safety and Security.

Navigate equity investments and asset valuation with confidence Equity Asset Valuation, Third Edition blends theory and practice to paint an accurate, informative

picture of the equity asset world. The most comprehensive resource on the market, this text supplements your studies for the third step in the three-level CFA certification program by integrating both accounting and finance concepts to explore a collection of valuation models and challenge you to determine which models are most appropriate for certain companies and circumstances. Detailed learning outcome statements help you navigate your way through the content, which covers a wide range of topics, including how an analyst approaches the equity valuation process, the basic DDM, the derivation of the required rate of return within the context of Markowitz and Sharpe's modern portfolio theory, and more. Equity investments encompass the buying and holding of shares of stock in the anticipation of collecting income from dividends and capital gains. Determining which shares will be profitable is key, and an array of valuation techniques is applied on today's market to decide which stocks are ripe for investment and which are best left out of your portfolio. Access the most comprehensive equity asset valuation text on the market Leverage detailed learning outcome statements that focus your attention on key concepts, and guide you in applying the material accurately and effectively Explore a wide range of essential topics, such as the free cash flow approach, valuation using Graham and Dodd type concepts of earning power, associated market multiples, and residual income models Improve your study efforts by leveraging the text during your CFA certification program prep Equity Asset Valuation, Third Edition is a comprehensive, updated text that guides

you through the information you need to know to fully understand the general analysis of equity investments.

Textbook of Laser Refractive Cataract Surgery is a comprehensive reference for the general ophthalmologist and cataract surgeon regarding the explosive new technology in femtosecond laser cataract surgery. Femtosecond laser allows extreme precision in surgery, and is used in refractive surgery and for 'cuts' in the cornea, leading to a more uniform treatment for the patient. Textbook of Laser Refractive Cataract Surgery is for cataract surgeons and all eye care providers managing or diagnosing cataracts who wish to be informed about this technology and its applications. Edited and written by recognized leaders in the field, this book covers background, technical, clinical, and commercial aspects of this exciting technology. Some of the topics covered include the evolution of cataract surgery, femtosecond laser fundamentals, challenges of femtosecond laser technology for cataract surgery, and the economics of laser cataract surgery. Edited and written by recognized leaders in the field, this book covers background, technical, clinical, and commercial aspects of this exciting technology. Some of the topics covered include the evolution of cataract surgery, femtosecond laser fundamentals, challenges of femtosecond laser technology for cataract surgery, and the economics of laser cataract surgery.

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