

focuses on orthopedic concerns that are unique to pediatric patients. These chapters, like those that follow, are filled with practical information. The remainder of the volumes are organized by parts of the body, with the first volume addressing the spine, pelvis, and lower extremity down to the ankle, and the second volume dealing with the ankle, foot, and upper extremity. Apparently this unnatural division is created by the need to make the two volumes the same size. This and Dr. Connolly's categorization by mechanisms of injury sometimes make it difficult to locate the discussion of a particular fracture.

The organization and formatting of the section headings of these books also make them awkward to use as a quick reference when confronted with an acute fracture. This drawback is more than compensated for by the thorough and practical discussions of the diagnoses, treatment, complications, alternatives, and overall management of the fractures. Additionally, the

excellent table of contents and index are useful guides to the appropriate area of the books.

The nonoperative orientation of this textbook makes it especially appropriate for the primary physician who wants to learn or improve management skills of orthopedic problems. The best use of these volumes is first to read them from cover to cover and then keep them for reference, which is not as difficult as it sounds, because the text occupies less than one fourth of the 1570 pages, and the extensive, annotated illustrations effectively illuminate the textual descriptions (a picture is worth a thousand words). This approach gives the reader a good grounding in orthopedic principles and a familiarity with the format of the books themselves.

This book is recommended as a useful addition to the library of any primary care physician who treats patients with trauma.

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Corrections

Two typographical errors appeared in the March-April issue of the *Journal* (JABFP 1996;8:75-156).

On the cover, an article title erroneously read "History of American Board of Family Physicians." It should have read "History of American Board of Family Practice."

In the editorial "What Do Family Medicine Residency Graduates Do?" page 149, third paragraph, the third sentence read: "Practice location was relatively stable over time with almost 6 percent of respondents practicing in only one community." It should have read "almost 60 percent of respondents."