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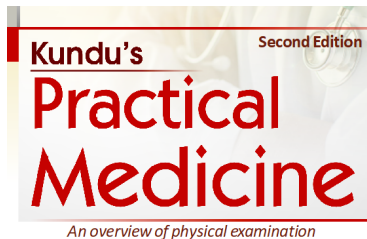


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“Acquire the art of detachment, the virtue of method, and the quality of thoroughness, but above all the grace of humility”

—Sir William Osler (1849–1919)

Canadian physician, Professor of Medicine (Oxford, UK), author, educator, historian and bibliophile who is one of the greatest icons of modern medicine

## Preface to the Second Edition

In view of the wide acceptance of the first edition by the medical fraternity, I have ultimately succeeded to bring out the second edition of the book. My intention is to re-orient the students to identify the basic message of the monograph, that is, to depict the real situations and events present in the text, rather than just ideas and theories. The title of the book initiates an impact on the mind of medical students for better understanding of the practical part of medicine. This part of medical science, a simplified approach to practical medicine, is to be practiced by a doctor throughout his/her life.

The intention of writing *Kundu's Practical Medicine* is to groom and prime young medical students from their earlier days in undergraduate curriculum. Teaching a large number of students for more than 30 years made me realise the need for such a kind of book which is lucid, concise, updated and student-friendly. The skill of communication, clinical examination, objective assessment and planning of treatment can only be gained by learning and practice. This book is full of clinical methods and truly exam-oriented. It is a book for quick review and to achieve a basic grip on the practical part of medicine. This book attempts to present all clinical topics required for a modern, clinical curriculum with easy access to major clinical information for medical students.

Though there is a tremendous change in medical practice with a battery of investigations entering into the medical field in every moment, we cannot ignore the importance of face-to-face consultation as well as examination of the patient. One should appreciate that the improved technologies like internet, fax, e-mail, digitalisation, spiral CT scanning, or wireless capsule endoscopy, can never be a substitute for clinically examining a patient which is known as "Practical Medicine".

I expect that the unique narrative style of the book will allay apprehension of the students for the subject of medicine. I presume that this book will help the students to make their eyes 'watchful', ears 'alert', fingers 'tactful', while making the mind 'logical'.

The book contains more than 200 very lively and appealing clinical photographs, multiple tables and charts, line drawings and bulleted lists for quick reference to increase the clinical skills. I think, the present monograph will help the young medical students, dental students, nurses, and a range of other healthcare professionals, while the clinical tutors will find it a helpful source for learning and teaching.

This work would not have been possible without the constant encouragement of my family members, especially to speak of my son Dr Abhishek, wife Bijoya, and my daughter Ushasi, which ultimately made this book a reality. I acknowledge the sincere help extended by Dr Krishnendu Dey who has given some clinical photographs for the book and Mr Ramkrishna Sharma for preparing the colour atlases. I also record my appreciation to Mr Satish Kumar Jain, Chairman and Managing Director, and Mr Varun Jain, Director, CBS Publishers & Distributors for publishing and distributing





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