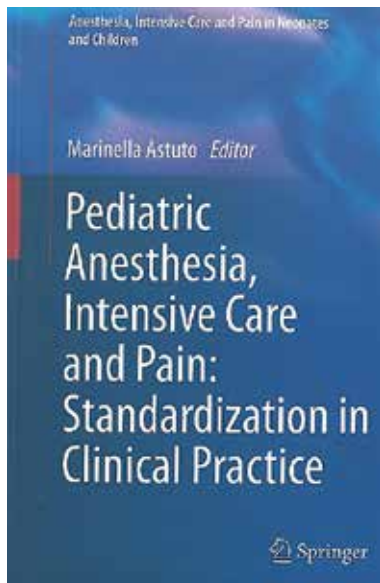


Pediatric Anesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain: Standardization in Clinical Practice

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This book gives an overview of current standards of anaesthesia and intensive care in neonates and children.

It is an easy-to-use compilation of several relevant aspects in the acute care of neonates, infants and children. The literature is easily accessible so it is written in a convenient way to provide an update on the various subjects. Some chapters are constructed around conclusions and others around future perspectives. An identical approach might have been a more logical choice.

On the one hand, this book gives an impression of several key points in paediatric intensive care, anaesthesia and analgesia. On the other hand, the actual choice for the various topics seems to be rather arbitrary, whereas each subject has its own concern and relevance.

The first part of the book is devoted to intensive care and this section summarises different aspects of this field.

It is hard to understand why scoring systems to assess severity of illness are being combined with, for instance, HFO ventilation, non-invasive ventilation and long-term home ventilation. From this perspective, it does not contribute to standardisation of care. This seems to me one of the major drawbacks of this book.

The same holds true for the section on anaesthesia and perioperative medicine. This is a combination of subjects on safety and regional anaesthesia. But why is there a chapter on single lung ventilation?

So, if you are familiar with paediatric anaesthesia, intensive care and pain, it provides a nice update. However, if you are in training as a paediatric intensivist or a paediatric anaesthetist, you might look for a book that provides you with a more complete overview of the field and that takes the approach by age group. This book brings you an overview of relevant key points in the Italian intensive care community.

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