

Book review



Diabetic Retinopathy for the comprehensive ophthalmologist. Walker J.

Reviewed by Nick Astbury

This 280-page paperback provides a readable and practical guide for ophthalmologists who have to manage and treat patients with diabetic retinopathy.

Unlike other, similar texts, Jonathan Walker adds a humorous bent with a colloquial style. Although some may not like his style, I found it engaging. His 'tips' and well-described illustrations were particularly helpful.

Walker's 'Most Useful Chapter in the Book' deals with systemic factors such as blood glucose control and hypertension, smoking, and pregnancy.

This book passes on a wealth of experience with a refreshing style and would be ideal for a general ophthalmologist wishing to become proficient at looking after patients with diabetic retinopathy.

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