

ABSTRACT

Anaesthetic and Intensive Care Case Records and

Commentaries : A Case Book

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This is a book of anaesthetic and intensive care cases done at the Port-of-Spain General Hospital between 1988 and 1990.

The case histories of sixteen patients are presented followed by a discussion. The discussion includes a critical comparison of the management of the case with current trends in management noted on review of the literature. Although ideal drugs, equipment and investigative procedures are sometimes unavailable in Third World countries, appropriate safe management is usually still possible. In some of the cases in this book the presenting illness is also discussed with special emphasis on those features which affect anaesthetic and intensive care management.

In all of the cases the author was directly involved in the patients' management under Consultant supervision with the exception of one case (Case 2) in which a previous anaesthetic was the focus of attention.