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## **Lissauer T, Clayden G: Illustrated textbook of paediatrics, 2nd edition**

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Starting from core knowledge which medical students have to acquire, Tom Lissauer and Graham Clayden had edited what became a classic for medical students with their first edition of the "Illustrated Textbook of Paediatrics". The second edition has been considerably enriched in illustrations, diagrams and photographs and is even more centred on what distinguishes the health problems of children compared to adults. The new chapter on "The Child in Society" mentions differences in main health problems of children in developed compared to developing countries; it also stresses the importance of the child's immediate social environment

for his health. It gives a summary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children, emphasising the growing need for awareness that child protection is an important part of the daily work of a paediatrician. New additions include clinical hints and tips, according to my students a very efficient way of transmitting professional experience which allows the distinction between the essential from minor or less frequent findings.

The book has grown in every sense, including the number of pages, but it is still very easy to read and motivating for undergraduate students. Excellent!

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