

Book review: *Clinical endocrinology and diagnostic imaging*, by Jana Brunová and Josef Bruna

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This unusual compendium is the result of collaboration between an experienced clinical endocrinologist, Dr Jana Brunová, and her well-known radiologist husband, Prof Josef Bruna. The book is richly illustrated with images collected over a lifetime, which include the decade that the couple spent in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Three hundred and ninety-four amazing black-and-white images, and 52 colour ones, are packed into 370 pages. The compendium has 10 chapters. Every chapter contains embryological and anatomical notes, the clinical characteristics of individual endocrinopathies, laboratory and functional tests, reference values, the indications for and algorithms of diagnostic procedures,

as well as principles involved in management. The focus of this work is mainly on clinical practice, and the reader will have to consult standard texts to learn more about the pathophysiology, genetics and molecular biology of commonly occurring endocrinopathies.

The book is an easy read once the reader becomes acquainted with the unique use of the English language. Although the book is mainly intended for medical students and registrars, Fellows training for the Certificate in Endocrinology may be pleasantly surprised at the clinical pearls to be found on almost every page. One would have to look far and wide to find a more affordable work of such quality and nature.