Book Review: How to Write the Thesis and Thesis Protocol: A Primer for Medical, Dental and Nursing Courses

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The book on “How to write the thesis and thesis protocol” by Drs Piyush Gupta and Navjeevan Singh is an important addition to the existing books for postgraduates. Its repertoire is wide and ranges from technical aspects of writing a protocol or thesis to non-technical ones such as relationships between the student and the teacher that can challenge and affect both. The latter chapter I thought was rather well written.

As I went through the 26 chapters, I was impressed both by the depth of information as also the simplicity with which they were written. The strength of the book lies in its clarity of thought and analogy based teaching

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with every chapter having examples to explain concepts. These examples relate to both the real world and the field of medicine.

I tried hard to look for deficits in the book, but found very little. Perhaps the meta-analysis and the systematic reviews section could have been expanded as a lot of literature that leads to evidence comes from these. I also thought that the concepts of risk, odds and probability could have been dealt with in a little more detail. This having been said, the book is an excellent companion for medical, dental and nursing students who should use it while preparing and submitting their thesis as a lot in the book is not just information, but a synthesis of information with the authors’ experience.

This book will help students make good quality protocols and subsequently submit good quality thesis. It is also a must for librarians.