



HANDBOOK OF FORENSIC PATHOLOGY*

By V Di Maio and s Danna. Pp. 249. Illustrated. Landes Bioscience. 1998. Available in SA for \$25.00 ISBN 1-57059-495-3.

Dr Di Maio is recognised as one of the world's foremost forensic pathologists. He is the author of a number of text books, including *Gunshot Wounds*, the definitive work on fire-arm injuries. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*.

The present work is not a reference textbook in the normal format but written in a telegraphic style, with clearly defined headings, subheadings and lists of the important facts of every division of forensic medicine. It contains no photographs, but is amply illustrated with simple line drawings.

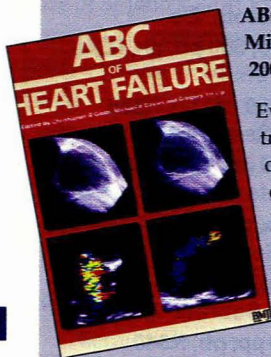
As a handy *vade mecum* this publication is ideally suited for under- and post-graduate medical students. It is also strongly recommended to all doctors intending to write the Diploma in Forensic Medicine of the College of Medicine of South Africa. For qualified forensic pathologists it will be of assistance in quickly reviewing different topics in preparation of difficult autopsies and as preparation to give evidence as an expert witness in judicial proceedings.

In view of the new South African Health Policy that will do away with all full-time district surgeons, to be replaced by part-time forensic medical officers and doctors in fulltime health and hospital service, this book is an ideal manual and guide-book as no equivalent up-to-date South African publication is available on the market at present.

At an anticipated retail price of less than R200, it should be affordable for most undergraduate medical and law students.

In summary, it is an excellent manual on forensic medicine

BOOK MANAGER'S CHOICE



ABC of Heart Failure, Christopher Gibbs, Michael K Davies and Gregory Lip, May 2000, published by BMJ Books, R194.

Evidence shows that the diagnosis and treatment of heart failure is often sub-optimal. This book provides coherent and concise information on epidemiology, pathophysiology, clinical features and the latest advances. Written by leading authorities, it will be a valuable resource in the management of heart failure for GPs and hospital doctors.

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and pathology, which will also be of value to lawyers who appear, as either prosecutors or defence lawyers, where the understanding of medical facts and processes may be of paramount importance.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

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WHO. Pp. v + 196. Sw.fr.62.-/US\$55.80. WHO. 1999. ISBN 92-4-154526-7.

Rational Diagnosis and Treatment: Evidence-Based Clinical Decision-Making.* Third Edition. By Henrik R Wulff & Peter C Gotzsche. Pp. viii + 221. £39.50. Blackwell Science. 2000. ISBN 0-632-03197-2.

Homoeopathy for Sports, Exercise and Dance. By Emlyn Thomas. Pp. xv + 322. £25.00 Beaconsfield Publishers Ltd. 2000. ISBN 0-906584-48-5.

Quantitative Ultrasound. Assessment of Osteoporosis and Bone Status.* Edited by Christopher F Njeh, Didier Hans, Thomas Fuerst, Claus-C Gler and Harry K Genant. Pp. viii + 420. Illustrated. £65.00. Martin Dunitz Ltd. 1999. ISBN 1-85317-679-6.

Human Anatomy.* By JH Meiring et al. Pp. 774. Illustrated. R279.95. JL van Schaik Publishers. 1996. ISBN 0-627-02458-0.

Clinical Bone Marrow and Blood Stem Cell Transplantation.* Edited by Kerry Atkinson. Pp. xxiii + 1500. Illustrated. £175.00 Cambridge University Press. 2000. ISBN 0-521-62288-3.

Catholic Ethicists on HIV/AIDS Prevention.* Edited by James F Keenan, Dr Jon D Fuller, Lisa Sowle Cahill and Kevin Kelly. Pp. 352. US\$24.95 paperback, US\$50.00 hard cover. Continuum. 2000. ISBN 0-8264-1230-0.

Mediterranean Diets: World Review of Nutrition and Dietetics.* Vol. 87. Edited by AP Simopoulos and F Visioli. Pp. xvi + 184. CHF 228.-/DEM 273.-/US\$ 198.25. KARGER. 2000. ISSN 0084-2230.

Health Futures: A Handbook for Health Professionals.* By MJ Garrett. Pp. xiv + 320. Sw.fr.102.-/US\$91.80. WHO. 1999. ISBN 92-4-154521-6.