

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

MICROBIAL PATHOGENICITY

Microbial Pathogenicity in Man and Animals. Ed. by H. Smith and J. H. Pearce. Pp. ix + 451. Illustrated. £6,20. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1972.

The Symposium deals with the present state of knowledge of the determinants of microbial pathogenicity. Bacteria and viruses receive the main attention, but there are chapters on protozoa, fungi and mycoplasmas. Significant developments such as the elucidation of cellular and humoral host defence mechanisms, the pathogenic processes of organisms producing enteric disease and information on microbial antihost defence mechanisms are reviewed and evaluated. Throughout this book exposure of lack of knowledge is considered as important as description of recent advances. In this the editors and authors succeed admirably well to give the reader more than the usual factual information found in symposia.

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ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY IN SPASTICITY

Orthopaedic Surgery in Spasticity. Orthopaedic lectures volume 1. By Harold M. Frost, M.D., A.O.A., A.A.O.S., A.B.J.S. Pp. xi + 216. Illustrated. \$13,00. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1972.

This book, which is addressed primarily to orthopaedic surgeons and to those in training as such, deals with both the diagnosis and the therapy of cerebral palsy.

The initial 4 chapters of the book consist of a discussion of the neurophysiology of cerebral palsy, while the remainder (although not a comprehensive reference work) does offer a practical approach to the management of the common deformities and problems met with in the treatment of the spastic. Although it is not very lucid, this book will be of interest to orthopaedic surgeons and others handling spastic children.

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