

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

VOORKOMENDE GENEESKUNDE

Preventive Medicine in Medical Care. Deur K. Schwarz, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., D.P.H. Pp. viii + 216. £2.50. Londen: H. K. Lewis 1970.

Verskillende siektetoestande, eers op 'n aansteeklike siektevlak en later op 'n nie-aansteeklike siektevlak word kortliks bespreek met veral 'n beklemtoning van die primêre en sekondêre voorkoming en die volksgesondheidsaspekte daaraan verbonde. Die klinikus sowel as die spesialis in voorkomende geneeskunde kan by hierdie boek baat vind. Elke onderwerp word vanuit 'n vooropgestelde skema bestudeer en onderwerpe soos ongelukke, kardio-vaskulêre afwykings, metaboliese afwykings, ens., word deeglik bespreek veral met die oog om gemeenskap-gesondheidsmaatreëls te neem. Die werk word hartlik aanbeveel vir algemene praktisyns, volksgesondheidsdeskundiges en gesondheidsverpleegsters.

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SNAKE VENOMS

Snake Venoms and Envenomation. Special issue of Clinical Toxicology, Vol. 3, No. 3. Ed. by R. T. Rappolt. Pp. 174. Illustrated. \$8.50. New York: Marcel Dekker. 1970.

This volume deals with the identification of poisonous snakes, the development and histology of the venom glands, the biochemistry and pharmacology of snake venoms, the structure and actions of elapid neurotoxins, and the treatment of snakebite.

All the authors have international standing and all the articles contain something of value. In particular, Jiménez-Porras' biochemical review (413 up-to-date references) and Lee's discussion of elapid neurotoxins are most useful.

The price prevents one from recommending this publication to the general practitioner but medical and scientific libraries should acquire a copy.

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