

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

NON-INVASIVE CARDIOLOGY

Non-invasive Cardiology. Ed. by A. M. Weissler, M.D. Pp. x + 454. Illustrated. £9,10. New York and London: Grune & Stratton. 1974.

Non-invasive techniques are now widely used in cardiology, since they provide simple and accurate measurements of cardiac function at the bedside.

The book deals with current methods, and includes sections on echocardiography and nuclear cardiology, the apex-cardiogram and kinetocardiogram, the recording of venous and arterial pulsations, and the systolic time intervals of the cardiac cycle.

Each chapter is written by an expert, and is a comprehensive review of recording techniques, and the interpretation of data in health and disease.

The book is recommended to cardiologists, and to physicians who have an interest in cardiology.

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NEUROPHARMACOLOGY

Transmitters and Identified Neurons in the Mammalian Central Nervous System. By A. K. Tebecis. Pp. xvi + 340. Illustrated. £11,50. Bristol: Scientechnica. 1974.

This book is a critical review of some 860 publications concerning the identification, by pharmacological techniques, of synaptic transmitters in the mammalian central nervous system. The data are well organised, and the types of neurons are grouped into chapters, at the end of which the main findings are summarised, with special attention being given to results of studies which are inconclusive or ambiguous.

This book is highly recommended to well-informed neuropharmacologists, research workers in related fields, and graduate students planning research on synaptic transmitters.

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