

BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

DISEASES OF THE LIVER

Diseases of the Liver and Biliary System. 4th ed. By S. Sherlock, M.D. (Edin.), F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.E., F.A.C.P. (Hon.). Pp. xxi + 809. Illustrated. £5.5.0. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1968.

The previous three editions of Sheila Sherlock's textbook have all been characterized by their comprehensiveness and lucidity. The 4th edition is no exception and, like the others, is amply illustrated and an invaluable source of reference, as well as being of great use as a textbook. This edition has been brought completely up-to-date with recent advances in the biochemistry of liver disease, portal hypertension, the differential diagnosis of jaundice, the role of drugs in liver disease and in cirrhosis, to mention but a few. Particular emphasis has been placed on the immunological aspects of liver disease, and there is a detailed review of electron-microscopic findings in various disease states. A book which can be thoroughly recommended to the specialist, the busy practitioner and the student.

S.J.S.

NEUROLOGIESE ATLAS

An Atlas of Clinical Neurology. Deur J. D. Spillane, M.D., F.R.C.P. Pp. viii + 376. Geïllustreer. R7.20. Londen en Kaapstad: Oxford University Press. 1968.

Wanneer ons 'n onbekende of onsekere omgewing betree, raadpleeg ons 'n atlas, en in so 'n sin kan hierdie uitstekende boek van J. D. Spillane van groot waarde wees. Die aksent is

op die kliniese beskrywings, kort en saaklik sodat daar nie 'n lys simptome gegee word nie maar voorbeelde uit die outeur se eie ervaring. Verbasend baie feite van klinies-praktiese belang word beskryf. Met die goeie gehalte foto's daarby, lees die boek aangenaam en vlot en is dit maklik om die verskillende neurologiese beelde te begryp. Net jammer dat kleur-foto's nie gebruik is vir die illustrasies van die oog-agtergrond of Kaiser-Fleischer ring en andere nie.

Die boek kan nie 'n standaard neurologiese boek vervang nie maar wel baie daaraan toevoeg. Die boek word sterk aanbeveel vir die student wat leer asook vir die medikus wat nie gereeld sulke neurologiese probleme hanteer nie.

W.M.G.

BURKITT-LIMFOMA

Burkitt-Tumor. Klinik, epidemiologie und radiologie. Deur H. Braband. Pp. 106. Geïllustreer. DM 48,—. Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1968.

Hierdie monograaf, gebaseer op 'n deeglik en sistematiese ondersoek van 100 gevalle van die interessante Burkitt-limfoma, sal van die grootste belang wees vir pediater, interniste, patoloë, radioloë en viroloë.

Die omvattende uiteensetting van die geskiedenis, verspreiding in Afrika, etiologie, kliniese beeld en radiologie word aangevul deur deeglike illustrasies en pragtige radiologiese afdrucke. Die behandeling met sitostatika word beskryf en die boek sluit af met 'n volledige lys van literatuurverwysings. Die boek word sterk aanbeveel.

C.J.B.M.

RADIO-ISOTOPE IN DIAGNOSE

Radioisotopes in Medicine. By E. W. Phelan. Pp. 50. Illustrated. Oak Ridge, Tennessee: US Atomic Energy Commission. 1968. Obtainable free of charge by writing to USAEC, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Hier is 'n elementêre boekie vir studente wat lekker lees, en pittig is, asook akkuraat en goed geïllustreer. Daar is 'n kort inleiding oor die geskiedenis en fisika van radioaktiwiteit, dan volg die inhoud oor die gebruik van radio-isotope in diagnose en terapie en dit sluit af met 'n aanbeveling oor verwysings.
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PATHOLOGY ANNUAL

Pathology Annual, Vol. 3. Ed. by S. C. Sommers, M.D. Pp. viii + 466. Illustrated. \$14.75. New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 1968.

This volume consists of 14 review articles, of which 5 are on the kidney and 2 on the lung, and the others range from malaria in Vietnam, and enzyme cytochemistry for the pathologist, to the histopathological diagnosis of protozoal diseases. All the articles except the last one are directed to the diagnostic histopathologist and are full of practical data and opinions.

For example, the longest section, on the evaluation of percutaneous renal biopsy, has some 50 pages and should be of service to those who make these examinations infrequently as well as to those who deal with many such biopsies. The physician who orders such biopsies could also consult this with profit.

The illustrations are abundant and instructive, and the bibliography is comprehensive and up to date. It can be thoroughly recommended to the practising histopathologist.

J.G.T.

HEREDITARY METABOLIC DISORDERS

Hereditary Disorders of Erythrocyte Metabolism. Proceedings of the Symposium held in February 1967 in Duarte, California. Ed. by E. Beutler, M.D. Pp. xii + 343. Illustrated. \$9.00. New York and London: Grune & Stratton. 1968.

Evidence of hereditary metabolic disorder of the erythrocyte appeared little more than a decade ago. Since then, knowledge on the subject has expanded rapidly. As a compendium of the available information in this field, this volume is a very important publication. It is intended for those familiar with erythrocyte metabolism, but for anybody else it does make very heavy reading. Nevertheless, it will interest many besides biochemists and geneticists.

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