
Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

PATHOLOGY OF THE EAR

Pathology of the Ear. By I. Friedmann, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.Path., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.C.P. Pp. x + 607. Illustrated. £14.00. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1974.

This textbook is a well written and beautifully illustrated account of all aspects of ear pathology by one who has made the subject a life study.

The language makes for easy reading while the illustrations are relevant and clearly reproduced. As an example of the way that special topics are handled, the chapter on otosclerosis covers 33 pages and contains 32 illustrations.

The second part of this work deals with pathology of the inner ear in detail as shown by electron microscopy. The book ends with a chapter on histological techniques relevant to the temporal bone. The detailed bibliography extends to 59 pages and there is an adequate index. This is a highly recommended book for the specialist in otology.

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PSYCHIC DEPENDENCE

Psychic Dependence. Definition, assessment in animals and man—theoretical and clinical implications. Ed. by L. Goldberg and F. Hoffmeister, Pp. x + 244. Illustrated. DM 58,-. Berlin and New York: Springer. 1973.

This record of a Seminar organised by G. Bayer includes papers tracing the development of the concepts defined as drug dependence. Ingenious experimental models are described, designed to correlate behavioural disorders in animals with drug administration. Even self-administration is induced in the experimental animals. Discussion of nineteen contributions by distinguished clinicians and experimental pharmacologists is recorded.

The book brings us up to date on knowledge of the worldwide problem of interaction between man, drug and the environment.

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