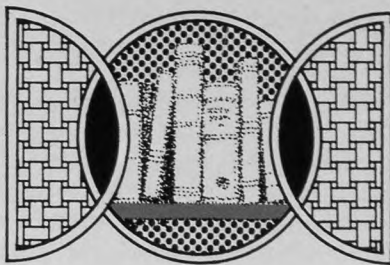


Book Reviews



Orthopedic Diseases: Physiology, Pathology, Radiology (4th Edition). Ernest Aegerter and John A. Kirkpatrick, Jr. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1975, 791 pp., \$30.00.

This is the fourth edition of this textbook, which has become something of a classic in its field since it first appeared in 1958. As in the previous editions, the format is extremely logical and is clearly explained in the foreword, so that the book is easily useable for quick reference. The authors begin with a concise, scholarly, but very readable discussion of connective tissue development, morphology, and function. They then discuss the diseases of connective tissue. These are divided into five major categories, each of which is subdivided into several chapters, corresponding to specific groups of diseases. Although authored by a pathologist and a radiologist, the emphasis throughout is on clinical usefulness and everything in the book is presented in that context. Each disease is discussed from the standpoint of pathogenesis, clinical presentation, histology, and radiology, with each of these descriptions clear, concise and factually accurate. In some instances there is also a brief discussion of treatment. The latter, although in concept a useful addition to the information presented, is in some cases rather deficient, qualitatively as well as quantitatively.

The book is printed on high-quality glossy paper so that the profusion of illustrations, photographs, photomicrographs, and roentgenographs, are well reproduced and exceptionally clear and legible.

Overall, the coherent organization, lucid prose, excellent illustrations and distinctly clinical orientation make this book an excellent reference for family physicians at all levels of training and experience, from the medical student in his clinical years to the seasoned practitioner. So useful, in fact, that it might almost be said to be

a must for every family physician's reference shelf.

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Manual of Contact Dermatitis. Sigfrid Fregert. A Munksgaard Publication, distributed by Year Book Medical Publishers, Chicago, 1974, 107 pp., \$12.50.

This fast reading, nonillustrated manual is well written and organized to present a good general survey of the nature and causes of contact dermatitis. The author intends for this manual to serve as a resource in the daily routine of dermatologists, and his goal is achieved.

Most family physicians will find the day-to-day value of this manual limited because of its narrow scope. The simplified review of skin physiology and pathophysiology, and division of contact dermatitis into five areas are of practical value. Most family physicians will find the detailed information concerning the occurrence of eczema-causing substances to be in excess of their needs. The exceptions to this are those family physicians with a heavy practice component of industrial medicine predisposing to dermatologic problems or practitioners who enjoy more than the usual amount of sleuthing in dermatology.

The manual could be of value in supplementing some of the less comprehensive dermatology texts and might be used by teachers in family practice residency programs. Family practice residents and medical students exhibiting a weak dermatology background could benefit if appropriately referred to this manual. Most practicing family physicians will be better served by a more comprehensive, illustrated dermatology text.

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