

BOEKBESPREKINGS : BOOK REVIEWS

ECHO-ENCEPHALOGRAPHY

Clinical Echo-Encephalography. By W. Schiefer, E. Kazner and S. Kunze, translated by M. Klinger, M.D. Pp. ix + 224. Illustrated. £5.5.0. Bristol: John Wright & Sons. 1968.

Clinical Echo-Encephalography is a large and comprehensive volume of technical data and clinical documentation stressing the usefulness of ultrasound as a means of diagnosis of intracranial pathology. The book is translated from the German version which was first published in 1967. The advent of brain scanning with radioactive isotopes has dimmed enthusiasm for echo-encephalography but the book records the findings in an era in which echo-encephalography enjoyed a considerable vogue, and it will remain a useful source of reference when science once again turns to sound and ultrasound for further diagnostic tools.

C.F.

MEDICAL THERMOGRAPHY

Medical Thermography. Proceedings of a Boerhaave Course for Postgraduate Medical Education, given in collaboration with the Netherlands' Society of Radiology, Leiden, in March 1968. Pp. viii + 23. Illustrated. £6.10.0. Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1969.

An excellent comprehensive analysis of medical thermography, covering its history, physical aspects, currently available thermographic equipment, and clinical application. The clinical application deals especially with breast conditions, discussing the technique, diagnosis, prognosis, survey programmes and mass screening aspects; also discussed are vascular disturbances of the extremities; the diagnosis of cerebrovascular insufficiency; tumours of the central nervous system; assessment of burns and frostbite; malignant and inflammatory diseases of the bones; acute abdominal conditions; studies of the thyroid gland; and localization of the placenta.

B.de.S.

PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

Recent Advances in Paediatric Clinical Pathology. By C. C. Mabry, M.D., M.S. (Ped.), F.A.A.P., I. E. Roeckel, M.D., F.C.A.P., F.A.S.C.P., R. E. Gevedon, B.S., M.T. (ASCP), A.A.C.C. and J. A. Koepke, M.D., M.S. (Path.), F.C.A.P., F.A.S.C.P. Pp. viii + 246. Illustrated. \$14.50. New York and London: Grune & Stratton. 1968.

'Recent advances' is perhaps a slight misnomer for this concise and well-compiled volume of chemical estimations in routine use in paediatrics. It outlines micro-automatic and micro-manual techniques in detail and in each instance attention is drawn to the proper collection of samples; errors which may occur in methodology; and the proper interpretation of results. There is a useful concluding chapter on cytogenetics and cytogenetic techniques.

A worth-while addition to the library of any laboratory engaged in paediatric clinical pathology.

D.M.

ASPECTS OF IMMUNOLOGY

Clinical Aspects of Immunology. 2nd ed. Ed. by P. G. H. Gell, M.B., M.R.C.S. and R. R. A. Coombs, Ph.D., Sc.D., M.R.C.V.S., F.R.S. Pp. xxix + 1356. Illustrated. £7.10.0. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1968.

This second edition has been extensively revised and brought up to date; new chapters have been introduced and others have been rewritten. The book now covers a field ranging from diagnostic and analytical methods over allergic and auto-allergic diseases to the allergic response in neoplastic diseases.

In a work such as this, with more than 50 contributors, one cannot expect all the chapters to be of equal quality; however, the great majority of the authors fulfilled their tasks thoroughly. One has to congratulate the editors and the authors on this addition to medical knowledge. The book is well produced and worth its price.

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