

Medicross Randburg in June 1995 where he continued his excellent work and brought compassion and caring. His Medicross rooms are located virtually opposite his previous practice.

His hobbies were centred on nature. He enjoyed hiking in the Berg and appreciated classical music and reading. André never married. He leaves behind a group of loving friends and patient-friends. To his mother, Tannie Babs and his brothers, Chris and Leon, our thoughts are with you in your time of loss.

Books

ABC of AIDS*

Fourth edition. Edited by Michael W Adler. Pp. vii + 102. Illustrated. £20. London: BMJ. 1997. ISBN 0-7279-1137-6.

The fourth edition of the *ABC of AIDS* was published in 1997, part of the more comprehensive *BMJ ABC* series. The book seems to be aimed at general practitioners who are likely to be unfamiliar with the HIV/AIDS disease, and it provides a bird's-eye view of the epidemic, the virology, natural history, clinical aspects and care, and some public health aspects. There are also chapters on palliative care and pain control, AIDS in children and intravenous drug users, as well as psychosocial management and counselling. The clinical aspects are essentially dealt with via a chapter on management of early infection and a series of chapters on tumours, the lung, gastrointestinal neurological conditions and treatment of infections and antiviral agents. The clinical details are cryptic and basic, however, there are numerous supporting tables and icons such as the CDC classifications, staging of the disease and highlights of major diagnostic, therapeutic and epidemiological points.

More recent developments in viral load monitoring and antiretroviral therapy are not dealt with in any meaningful detail and it needs revision in these aspects.

The chapters on psychosocial care and palliative and pain control are relatively more comprehensive, and anecdotal accounts of HIV from patients with the disease provide the reader with personal glimpses of the psychosocial impact of the disease on the individual.

The orientation of the book is clearly towards the 'developed world', and to compensate, a chapter on 'HIV/AIDS in the developing world' has been added. While the book does provide a reasonable primary care overview for its target audience (general practitioners in the 'developed world'), it is lacking in addressing clinical and psychosocial issues for practitioners working in Africa and Asia and in under-resourced environments. The book lacks a more extensive approach to HIV/AIDS and pregnancy, contraception, women and mother-to-child transmission issues, and more on HIV/AIDS and children is required for South African practitioners.

Given the specific orientation of the book described above, it will certainly assist the uninitiated, but will fall short in meeting the introductory needs of practitioners in

'developing' countries where the epidemic is far more severe with a different spectrum and orientation of clinical, psychosocial and cultural issues.

Clive Evian

Atlas of Surgical Techniques in Urology*

Edited by Douglas Whitehead. Pp. xxi + 577. Illustrated. \$201.25. Philadelphia: Lippincott-Raven. 1996. ISBN 0-397-51022-5.

This book differs from other textbooks and atlases of operative techniques in that the description of each operation is the operative report of an actual operation performed by a master of the technique. The description is of what was done, not what the surgeon, in the comfort of his study, thought should have been done.

A brief discussion follows the operative description with important points of technique and pros and cons of the operation being pointed out. The graphics are clear, but unfortunately they are not always juxtaposed to the relevant text and the reader finds himself constantly turning the pages back and forth as he compares the graphics to the text which he is reading.

This book makes no pretence at being a complete textbook of operative urology and the reader looks in vain for the operative surgery of Third World urology. It is decidedly 'up-town' and based on the pathology of American private practice. The major contribution to reconstructive urological surgery made by the Mansoura School in Egypt seems not to have found its way to the 'home of the brave' as yet.

The format of this book suggests a highly educational form of operative report writing which could fruitfully be employed by both clinical teachers and registrars. Its place is not on the shelves of a library but rather in the registrar's office or theatre tea room. It is highly recommended to those learning operative urological surgery. With a dollar price tag of close to R1 000 it is not cheap, but then books of this kind never are.

Johan Naudé

Best sellers

The top three best selling books from the MASA Multimedia Book Department in the last month were:



Stedman's Concise Medical and Allied Health Dictionary (third edition) edited by John H Dirckx. R180. Williams and Wilkins, 1995. ISBN 0-683-07922-0.

The ECG in Practice (third edition) by John R Hampton. R165. Churchill Livingstone, 1997. ISBN 0-443-05680-3.

Antibiotic Therapy in Clinical Practice (second edition) by C Simon, W Stille and PJ Wilkinson. R242. Schattauer, 1993. ISBN 3-794-51368-1.

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The ABC of Clinical Genetics*

Second edition. By Helen M Kingston. Pp. vi + 75. Illustrated. \$19. London: BMJ. 1977. ISBN 0-7279-1101-5.

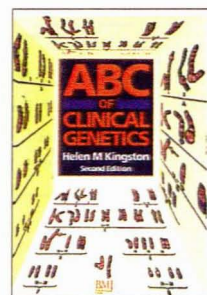
The field of clinical genetics is developing rapidly and now touches many aspects of medicine. Instruction in clinical genetics is part of every medical undergraduate's curriculum (or should be), and this subject is also taught at paramedical and postgraduate levels.

The ABC series published in the *British Medical Journal* is well known for the accuracy and clarity with which specific areas are presented and illustrated. The revised edition of the *ABC of Clinical Genetics* lives up to this reputation; it is

easy to read and understand and it is packed with useful diagrams and illustrations. The fact that the edition required revision only 3 years after publication reflects the rate at which medical genetic knowledge is expanding.

The author, Dr Helen Kingston, is to be congratulated on this excellent book. It is recommended to colleagues who are interested in genetic disorders, and to those who wish to have an up-to-date overview of this fascinating field.

Peter Beighton



Books received

The receipt of these books is acknowledged, and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the sender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits. The *SAMJ* does not publish unsolicited reviews.

Western Medicine.* Edited by Irvine Loudon. Pp. xvi + 347. Illustrated. R282. Cape Town: Oxford University Press. 1997. ISBN 0-19-820509-0.

A Crisis of Meaning. How gay men are making sense of AIDS.* By Steven Schwartzberg. Pp. ix + 267. R205. Cape Town: Oxford University Press. 1996. ISBN 0-19-509627-4.

Operations that made History. By Harold Ellis. Pp. v + 134. Illustrated. R351. London: Greenwich Medical Media. 1996. ISBN 1-9001510-154.

Shared Care for Asthma. By Mark Levy, Jon Couriel, Roland Clark, Stephen Holgate and Anoop Chauhan. Pp. x + 219. Illustrated. R340. Oxford: ISIS Medical Media. 1997. ISBN 1-899066-41-1.

Vector Control. Methods for Use by Individuals and Communities.* Prepared by Jan A Rozendaal. Pp. xii + 412. Illustrated. SwFr132/US\$118.80. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-154494-5.

Where Women have no Doctor.* By A August Burns, Ronnie Lovich, Jane Maxwell and Katherine Shapiro. Pp. 583. Illustrated. £7.25. Basingstoke: Macmillan Education Ltd. 1998. ISBN 0-333-64933-8.

Contraception. Theory and Practice.* Third edition. By Francis Theron and Frans Grobler. Pp. x + 157. R69.96. Pretoria: JL van Schaik Publishers. 1998. ISBN 0-627-02290-1.

Hexachlorobenzene.* Environmental Health Criteria No. 195. WHO. Pp. xviii + 160. SwFr36/US\$32.40. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-157195-0.

Methanol.* Environmental Health Criteria No. 196. WHO. Pp. viii + 180. SwFr42/US\$37.80. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-157196-9.

Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants.* Forty-sixth Report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives. WHO Technical Report Series No. 868. Pp. viii + 69. SwFr14/US\$12.60. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-120868-6.

Medical Methods for Termination of Pregnancy.* Report of a WHO Study Group. WHO Technical Report Series No. 871. Pp. vii + 110. SwFr23/US\$20.70. Geneva: WHO. 1997. ISBN 92-4-120871-6.

A Textbook for Midwives.* Edited by AGW Noite. Pp. xii + 539. Illustrated. R198.50. Pretoria: JL van Schaik Publishers. 1998. ISBN 0-627-02246-4.

Measurement of Pain in Infants and Children.* Progress in Pain Research and Management Volume 10. Edited by G Allen Finley and Patrick J McGrath. Pp. ix + 210. US\$67. Seattle: IASP Press. 1997. ISBN 0-931092-20-5.

Practical Procedures for the Gynecological Oncologist.* Edited by A Peter, M Heintz and David G Allen. Pp. xii + 288. Illustrated. NLG435/US\$250. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science. 1998. ISBN 0-444-82617-3.

Bone Formation and Repair.* Edited by AM Rabie and MR Urist. Pp. x + 222. Illustrated. NLG295/US\$169.50. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science. 1997. ISBN 0-444-82652-1.

Infusion Chemotherapy - Irradiation Interactions. Principles and Applications to Organ Salvage and Prevention of Second Primary Neoplasms.* Edited by C Julian Rosenthal and Marvin Rotman. Pp. xxiv + 481. NLG480/US\$245. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science. 1998. ISBN 0-444-82608-4.

New Trends in Cerebral Hemodynamics and Neurosonology.* Edited by Jürgen Klingelhöfer, Eva Bartels and E Bernd Ringelstein. Pp. xvii + 845. NLG500/US\$287.50. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science. 1997. ISBN 0-444-82631-9.

Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy/Dysplasia.* Edited by A Nava, L Rossi and G Thiene. Pp. xix + 493. NLG397/US\$228. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science. 1997. ISBN 0-444-82447-2.

Epilepsy and other Neurological Disorders in Coeliac Disease. Edited by G Gobbi, F Andermann, S Naccarato and G Banchini. Pp. xiv + 378. Illustrated. £65. London: John Libbey & Co. Ltd. 1997. ISBN 0-86196-537X.

Paediatric Epilepsy Syndromes and their Surgical Treatment. Edited by I Tuxhorn, H Holthausen and H Boenigk. Pp. xxx + 894. Illustrated. £85. London: John Libbey & Co. Ltd. 1997. ISBN 0-86196-536-1.

A Textbook of SPECT in Neurology and Psychiatry. Edited by PP De Deyn *et al.* Pp. xii + 564. Illustrated. £95. London: John Libbey & Co. Ltd. 1997. ISBN 0-86196-536-1.

Advances in Neutron Capture. Vol. I: Medicine and Physics. Vol. II: Chemistry and Biology.* Edited by Börje Larsson, John Crawford and Regin Weinreich. Pp. 1356. Illustrated. NLG625/US\$359. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science. 1997. ISBN 0-444-82781-1.

Advances in Hadrontherapy.* Edited by Ugo Amaldi, Börje Larsson and Yves Lemoigne. Pp. xxiii + 547. Illustrated. NLG430/US\$247. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science. 1997. ISBN 0-444-82782X.