

BOOK REVIEW : BOEKBESPREKING**ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF SYNDROMES**

Encyclopedia of Medical Syndromes. By Robert H. Durham, M.D., F.A.C.P. Pp. 628 + xiv. \$13.50. New York: Paul B. Hoeber, Inc. 1960.

Here is an unusual and, indeed, a unique book which has in its pages detailed descriptions of nearly a thousand syndromes covering the whole ground of the practice of medicine. It is obvious that this is the result of years of work on the part of the author, for each syndrome is marshalled with the

essential facts, incidence and sex ratios, congenital factors, aetiology, clinical manifestations, pertinent laboratory and pathological findings, clinical course, recommended treatment, and prognosis.

The arrangement makes for the easy reference which one expects of an 'encyclopaedia'. Basically this is alphabetical, but there are cross-references by synonyms. The excellent index is arranged by classifications by systems.

As a reference book it is recommended.

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