



BOOK MANAGER'S CHOICE

Local and Regional Anaesthesia.* Edited by Per Rosenberg, published by BMJ Books, October 2000, R325

This book presents the most important aspects of modern clinical usage of local anaesthetic drugs and of local and regional anaesthetic techniques. Special attention is paid to safety, i.e. toxicity features which are covered in sufficient detail for the practitioner to safely use these techniques. Controversies surrounding technical differences in the applied techniques, as well as differences in local anaesthetic solutions, are discussed, thus providing a useful overview of the specialty worldwide.

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NORMAL AND PATHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD*

By Maria Damska and Krystyna E Wisniewski. Pp. xv + 191.
Illustrated. £45./US\$79. John Libbey & Co Ltd. 1999. ISBN 0-86196-591-4.

This book is divided into two parts — normal and abnormal developmental neuroanatomy.

The major focus is classical neuroembryology with an emphasis on the importance of architectural change in the course of foetal development. The second section shows how these processes may become defective.

This book is an overview of a very large subject. It is not possible to combine all the clinical, molecular and genetic changes of foetal development in a book which largely emphasises architecture and structure.

This is particularly a problem in the abnormal section of the book. Thus the section on pathological development is of limited value to the clinician.

The references list is very extensive and occupies a third of the book. There are very few references after 1995 and the authors emphasise that it is not an up to date genetic or chromosomal dissertation.

The book is suggested for persons in training especially in the fields of neuropathology and paediatric neurology. Researchers in these fields will find the clear presentation of a complex subject of particular value.

There are few existing books which combine both the normal and abnormal development of the CNS in one volume written and integrated by the same authors. At a price of £45 (±R450), the book is a useful addition to a library or to a more heavily weighted collection of molecular genetic books on development defects which have recently dominated the field.

Professor V U Fritz

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.

Emergency Psychiatry in a Changing World.* Excerpta Medica. International Congress Series 1179. Edited by Michel De Clercq, Antonio Andreoli, Suzanne Lamarre and Peter Forster. Pp. xviii + 667. US\$243.00. Elsevier Science. 1999. ISBN 0-444-50017-0.

Cell Therapy. Keio University Symposia for Life Science and Medicine. Vol. 5. Edited by Y Iukeda, J Hata, S Koyasu, Y Kawakami and Y Hattori. Pp. xvi + 240. Illustrated. DM279. Springer. 2000. ISBN 4-431-70253-9.

The World Health Report 2000.* Health Systems: Improving Performance. WHO. Pp. xix + 215. Sw.fr.15./US\$13.50. WHO. 2000. ISBN 92-4-156198-X.

Proceedings of the 9th World Congress on Pain.* Edited by Marshall Devor, Michael C Rowbotham and Zsuzsanna Wiesenfeld-Hallin. Pp. xxi + 1154. Illustrated. US\$80. IASP Press. 2000. ISBN. 0-931092-31-0.

Evaluation of Certain Food Additives.* Fifty-first Report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives. Technical Report Series No. 891. Pp. viii + 168. Sw.fr.35./US\$1.50. WHO. 2000. ISBN 92-4-120891-0.

WHO Expert Committee on Malaria.* Twentieth Report. Technical Report Series No. 892. Pp. v + 71. Sw.fr.14./US\$12.60. WHO. 2000. ISBN 92-4-120892-9.

Localization of Brain Lesions and Developmental Functions.* Mariani Foundation Paediatric Neurology: 9. Edited by D Riva and A Benton. Pp. vi + 165. Illustrated. £39. John Libbey & Co Ltd. 2000. ISBN 0-86196-599X.