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RICHARD CARTER

Mammography, Thermography and Ultrasonography in Breast Disease (Radiology in Clinical Diagnosis Series) By Kenneth T. Evans, and I. Huw Gravelle. (Pp. x + 148; illustrated. £4.45.) London: Butterworth Group. 1973.

Strictly speaking for the radiologist, describing new advances in the use of important techniques. Mammohistologists may be interested.

H. E. M. KAY

Hemoglobinopathies Edited by G. Aastaldi, G. Gusso, L. Tentori, and G. Torlontano. CISMEL Publications. (Pp. 142; illustrated. Lire Ital. 2.000.) Foggia, Italy: Archivio 'Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza'. 1972.

This 142-page book (in English) is the record of a conference held in Italy in September 1971. All but one contributor are Italian and, because of their experience with thalassaemia, their views on the haemoglobinopathies are always of especial interest. In addition to articles on thalassaemia, there are a number of well written review articles covering such topics as the unstable haemoglobins and the M haemoglobins.

R. G. HUNTSMAN

Standardization in Haematology and Clinical Pathology Edited by G. Aastaldi, G. Gusso, L. Tentori, and G. Torlontano. CISMEL Publication. (Pp. 254; illustrated. Lire Ital. 3.500.) Foggia, Italy Archivio 'Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza'. 1972.

This book (254 pages) records a conference held in Italy in September 1971. The book is published totally in English although the majority of the contributors to both sections (haematology and clinical pathology) are Italian. The standard of translation is rough but adequate.

The section on haematology is concentrated around the prevention of errors due to electronic counters, with supporting articles on cytochemistry, radioisotopes, and the testing of transfusion equipment.

The section of 100 pages devoted to standardization in clinical pathology is of necessity extremely patchy. It opens with a broadside entitled 'Total quality control for the medical laboratory' and ends with indiscriminate sniping at such scattered targets as the diagnosis of alloalbuminaemia and the estimation of thyroxine.

Information on standardization tends to be scattered in the literature and therefore hard to obtain. It is a pity that this book does not cover the subject comprehensively. Nevertheless, it may be of value to haematologists with responsibility for running a routine laboratory.

R. G. HUNTSMAN

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