
The Fourth International Meeting on Future Trends in Inflammation, was held in London in February 1980 and is reported in this volume. Editors and publishers are to be congratulated on getting a well-produced and illustrated book on to our shelves in under twelve months.

There is inevitably a degree of unevenness of emphasis and style, greater than that normally encountered in a multi-author, single-subject work. Contributions range from full-length papers, such as those on new developments in chemotaxis research, the immunotherapy of rheumatoid disease and arachidonic acid metabolism in inflammation, to name but a few of many excellent papers, to rather tantalising abstracts, some of which are only a few lines in length.


This is a very good book which deals with clinical measurement in general, although it is slightly biased towards anaesthetic and Intensive Care type measurements. It will be of great use to anyone who wants a wide range of information in reasonable detail.

The chapters on display and recording are particularly good apart from an error in the quoted ECG bandwidth. The explanation of decibels, although accurate, does not maintain the clarity shown elsewhere and omits to explain the common form of usage in bandwidth specifications.

The chapter on patient safety deals with isolating transformers for the mains supply but does not even refer to isolated preamplifiers which are at present the commonest method of protection.

The general impression is of a very practical book and obviously the allocation of space to various topics reflects the authors' personal experience.

HL GREEN


This book brings together two issues of seminars in Oncology originally published in the summer of 1980. The first half contains twelve articles on aspects of Hodgkin's disease, including epidemiology, histological diagnosis, staging, and therapy. The second section on Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma covers, inter alia, histological classification, immunological categorisation, chromosome abnormalities, immunodeficiency and pathogenesis, staging, treatment, and cutaneous lymphomas.

The authors, all from North America, differ in their approach, some giving general reviews, others basing their contributions on more personal experience or views. However the general standard is high. The book, whilst being far from comprehensive, is a useful and thought-provoking contribution to the literature on lymphoma.

DY MASON


Much of the literature on immunodeficiency disorders is anecdotal with misleading generalisations. This book provides a comprehensive and critical outline of what has now become a particularly important component of medicine and pathology. It is firmly based in clinical medicine and offers detailed information on the immunological abnormalities to be found in each category of disorder. Some are rare but others, relatively common and a sensible balance is maintained between the two. The

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