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those considering the clinical role of these organisms and the many factors which may promote skin colonisation by potential pathogens are of more general interest. The text can be read quickly aided by informative tables and illustrations with a comprehensive updated list of references at the end of each chapter. Despite its inflated price, no clinical or laboratory scientist whose interests relate to the skin should be without this fine work.

TR RODGERS


This book is a worthy companion to its predecessors in the Illustrated Series on medical subjects. It consists of more than 2000 line drawings and diagrams accompanied by a clear and factual commentary. The diagrams are of the quality which lecturers dearly aspire to, but rarely produce, on the blackboard. The text though brief is comprehensive and pointed.

This graphic approach lends itself to a subtle but praiseworthy change in emphasis whereby certain common but relatively ignored morbid processes such as varicose veins merit three pages, the same number as Hodgkin’s disease.

Pathology Illustrated can be warmly recommended for undergraduate students of pathology and to those preparing teaching material.

F WALKER


Histopathologists who spend long hours puzzling over examples of borderline cancer will readily recognise the range of diagnostic problems represented by the 390 cases presented and assessed in this book. Each chapter deals with an organ or system—breast, thyroid gland, lymph nodes, soft tissues, bone and cartilage, skin, digestive tract, respiratory tract and female genital tract—giving a brief account of the equivocal lesions encountered, the subsequent clinical course, and a commentary on them. This is followed by a more discursive review which is less a reflection of the cases described, and more a distillation of the author’s extensive experience.

The magpie which exists in most histopathologists encourages us to hoard fascinating problems, but surely few do as assiduously and methodically as Professor Park. The result, though not a systematic presentation, represents a wealth of carefully documented experience. This is an unusual book—probably not the book to reach for in the bustle of the reporting room; perhaps more a source to be consulted in the quiet of one’s own room or as bedtime reading.

HM CAMERON


This monograph is a worthy attempt to put into perspective the current knowledge of lymphocyte traffic and its significance, not only to specific immunological events, but in a wider biological context to the interaction of cell systems in the body, and the interpretation of clinical observations.

Although the sub-title of the book is “the experimental and clinical effects,” it is inevitable that the former dominate the text, and there are excellent chapters explaining the methodology and interpreting the findings of experiments determining lymphocyte distribution and movement. “Lymphocyte traffic in disease” is a single chapter in which the data is more “soft,” and the significance of the observations less clear, although in her wide search of the literature Dr de Sousa has instanced many reports of attempts at defining lymphocyte sub-populations within pathological lesions.

There are two chapters by guest authors—a sound chapter by Delphine Parrott on the migration of lymphocytes to non-lymphoid tissue, principally the mucosa of the gut, and an intriguing chapter by ASG Curtis placing the question of lymphocyte interaction and movement within the broader framework of cellular interactions in biological systems.

All in all, this is an informative, well written book of interest not only to immunologists, but to haematologists and histopathologists.

RA THOMSON


This book is dedicated to those who need it the most—the medical technologists—and has been written as an aid to the training of medical mycologists. Part 1 details the general characteristics of fungi, and describes new systems of taxonomy. A general description of fungal diseases is also included. Part 2 deals with laboratory procedures for the isolation and identification of pathogenic fungi. As expected of a handbook the text is essentially devoted to practical procedures. Particularly useful are the references to standard works occurring throughout the descriptions of the fungi. A glossary of terms is included together with Appendices dealing with apparatus, reagents, and media, and a section entitled “Review Questions” designed to test the student’s capacity to reflect on the text and on the procedures that have been taught. An illustrated key to over 100 fungi, and a yeast classification chart are also included.

The manual, dealing as it does with tested methods for isolation and identification of fungi, can certainly be recommended to students of medical mycology to whom it should prove extremely useful.

ROSALINDE HURLEY


This attractive slim volume discusses not only the home therapy of haemophilia but also many other problems of haemophiliacs as well as the organisation of a Haemophilia Centre. It is divided into three sections: the background for home therapy, techniques, and back-up facilities. Each section contains practical information on all aspects of care, obviously derived from personal experience; the chapters are uniformly well presented and easy to follow. The first section is of particular interest and deals with many social, psychological, and educational problems in a frank yet objective way. Although there is little new information, the book is a superb manual for all staff involved in the care of haemophiliacs and an excellent text book for haematology trainees.

MILICA BROZOVIĆ