

Table Comparison of the inhibition produced by washings and a DST plug with that produced by four of the compounds added to media

Test compound	Sensitivity of organism		
	Coagulase negative staphylococci (6 strains)	Staphylococcus aureus (2 strains) Streptococcus pyogenes (1 strain)	Enterobacteria (3 strains)
Washings	S	R	R
DST plug	S	R	R
Neomycin	S	R	R
Vancomycin	S	S	R
Solution A	S	S	R
Solution B	S	S	R

S = zone of 10 to 26 mm.

R = no zone.

this type and manufacturers should warn laboratories of the danger.

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Reference

Stevens P, Young LS. Simple method for elimination of aminoglycosides from serum to permit bioassay of other antimicrobial agents. *Anti-microb Agents Chemother* 1977;12:286-7.

Book review

Clinical Pathology of the Endocrine Ovary. Ed J de Brux and J-P Gautray. (Pp 184; £29.95.) MTP Press Limited. 1984.

The title of this book is misleading for only six of the twelve chapters can be considered as "pathological", the remainder being devoted to such subjects as the role of the mesonephros in ovarian embryology, ovarian follicular biodynamics, and somewhat inexplicably, the hormonal control of testicular Leydig cell function. The papers relating to clinical pathology include comments on non-ovulatory follicles, the menopausal ovary, and ovary in pregnancy, luteal phase defect, and the gonadotrophin resistant ovary. Of these, the discussion of non-ovulatory follicles is detailed and interesting, whilst the two chapters devoted to the menopausal and post-menopausal ovary are worthwhile. The chapter on the ovary in pregnancy is inadequate and uninformative whilst that on the investigation of luteal defect is excessively detailed and totally confusing.

This volume will be of interest only to those pathologists with a profound interest in the ovary; it has little to offer to those who have resisted the wiles of this fascinating and wayward organ. It is not intended

for, nor does it merit, a place in the routine pathology laboratory: its merits, which are far from outstanding, are diminished by an unsatisfactory and at times bizarre translation.

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Some new titles

The receipt of 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.

Second Cancer in Relation to Radiation Treatment for Cervical Cancer. IARC Scientific Publications no 52. Ed NE Day and JD Boice. (Pp 207; £17.50.) World Health Organisation. 1984.

Directory of On-Going Research in Cancer Epidemiology 1984. Ed CS Muir and G Wagner. (Pp 728; soft cover £18.) World Health Organisation. 1984.

Nutritional Assessment. Ed RA Wright and S Heymsfield. (Pp 290; £29.50.) Blackwells. 1984.

Human Cataract Formation. Ciba Foundation Symposium No 106. (Pp 284; £26.50.) Pitman Books. 1984.