

Fig. 1a Peripheral blood stained with Wright stain shows monocyte phagocytosing platelets. $\times 3000$.

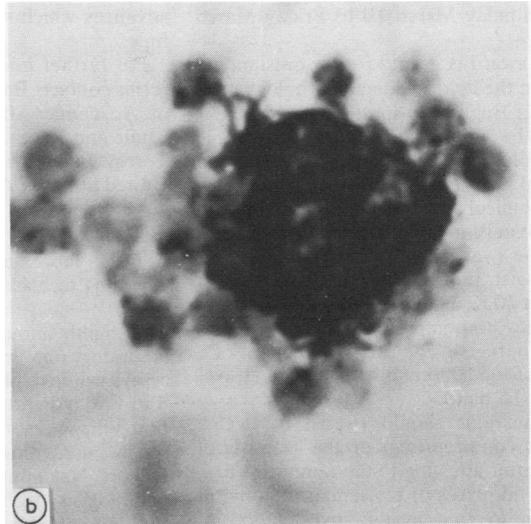


Fig. 1b Peripheral blood stained with Wright stain shows platelets rosetting monocyte, which also shows some phagocytosed platelets. $\times 3000$.

mononuclear phagocytic system has a role in the thrombocytopenia associated with infection with *P falciparum*.²

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Book reviews

Virology: A Practical Approach. Ed BWJ Mahy. (Pp 264; soft cover £12.50.) IRL Press. 1985.

This is a laboratory manual on methods for growing, purifying, and titrating viruses, written by those with a detailed knowledge of a particular virus group, and would be a useful addition to virus laboratories both with a research or clinical bias. The editor does not claim to cover all the virus groups, but important human pathogens such as polioviruses, herpesviruses (*herpes simplex* types I and II and cytomegalovirus), influenza viruses, and respiratory syncytial viruses are included.

The methodology is clearly set out with each of the steps and the buffers used, so it should be possible for someone unfamiliar with a particular virus group to produce workable quantities of pure virus.

The final chapter, Techniques in Clinical Virology, details some of the newer techniques of identification such as immunofluorescence, detection of respiratory syncytial virus, and serological techniques with

special reference to rubella virus, and again all the steps are clearly set out.

This book would be useful in the laboratory, and there is sufficient clinical application to enable personnel in service departments to find it useful to have at hand, as will those carrying out virological research.

DJ McCANCE

Perinatal Autopsy Manual. Marie Valdes-Dapena and Dale Huff. (Pp 98; \$4.75.) US Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. 1983.

Few would contest the authors' view that gross examination is the basis of a thorough perinatal necropsy. Most of the manual is concerned with the techniques of the gross necropsy with brief sections on definitions, instruments, examination of the brain after fixation, the placenta, and trimming tissues for histology. Comment on special techniques is limited to the perfusion and fixation of hearts and cytogenetic studies. A final section explores the role of the pathologist in discussing the necropsy findings with parents.

The manual is extensively illustrated. The detail in the text implies that it is aimed at those with little previous experience of necropsies of any kind. It provides a full but rather personal approach to technique. No alternative methods are offered, and there are no references to published findings. Its value to the trainee would be enhanced by the addition of comments on "why you do it" at the expense of some of the space devoted to "how you do it." Good technique is important but it is not an end in itself.

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Notices

The Benjamin Castleman Award is sponsored jointly by the Massachusetts General Hospital and the United States Canadian Division of the International Academy of Pathology. The award, financed by contributions to a fund established by former students and trainees of Dr Castleman, is presented at the annual meeting of the United States Canadian Division of the International Academy of Pathology, which in 1986, will be held in New Orleans

from Monday March 10 to Friday March 14.

This award is granted for an outstanding paper in the field of human pathology published in English during the calendar year 1985. The subject may represent any topic in pathology but must be based on human material with emphasis on morphological or anatomical approaches. For papers with multiple authorship only one author is eligible. The awardee must be a pathologist or pathologist in training who has not yet reached 40 years of age in 1985. Papers by pathology housemen, trainees, and fellows are encouraged. The prize will consist of a cheque for \$1000 and a certificate (travel will not be paid).

Nominations should consist of twelve reprints (or preprints) of the manuscript and a letter attesting to the nominee's age, dates, and places of houseman training, in addition to role in the investigation, if other than the first author.

Before July 1 1985, nominations should be submitted to:

United States Canadian Division, International Academy of Pathology, 1003 Chafee Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904; and after July 1 1985 to:

United States Canadian Division, International Academy of Pathology, Building C, Suite B, 3515 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909.

Clinical haematology and oncology (1986)

The course will take place on Monday February 17 to Wednesday February 19 at the Vacation Village resort, San Diego, California, and is sponsored by Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation.

This course, chaired by Ernest Beutler, is designed for haematologists, oncologists, housemen, paediatricians, and pathologists interested in the diagnosis and management of haematological and oncological disorders. An outstanding faculty from across America has been assembled to discuss various aspects of these fields, to aid clinicians in sorting out the important from the trivial, and to help identify those recent

advances which will withstand the test of time.

For further information and application forms contact: Bonny Mower, Department of Academic Affairs, Box 400S, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, 10666 N Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037 United States of America. (619) 457-8556.

Clinical laboratory molecular analyses: emerging technology and future trends

The eighth annual conference on clinical laboratory immunochemical and molecular assays will take place Wednesday February 5 to Friday February 7, 1986 at the Vacation Village resort, San Diego, California.

The conference will be chaired by Robert Nakamura and is designed for pathologists, technologists, clinical chemists, microbiologists, and other medical laboratory personnel. Presentations showing the recent research developments in the pathogenesis and aetiology of disease processes, new technology, and future directions in clinical laboratory assays will be offered by a distinguished faculty of renowned scientists. Both immunological and non-immunological methods will be emphasised.

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Heinz Karger prize 1986 and 1987

The Heinz Karger Memorial Foundation invites the submission of papers on the following subjects:

(1986) an original research paper on "The vascular endothelium: its functional heterogeneity," and
(1987) an original research paper on "Monoclonal antibodies for diagnosis and research in pathology."

Manuscripts must not exceed 20 type-

written pages, including illustrations, tables, and bibliography. Manuscripts marked "Competition" must reach the publishers, S KARGER AG, BASEL, Allschwilerstrasse 10, CH-4009 Basel, Switzerland, not later than February 28, 1986 and 1987. The manuscript must be typewritten on one side only, double spaced, submitted in quadruplicate, and must accord with the instructions obtained in the "Rules for the Preparation of the Manuscripts." This leaflet can be obtained free of charge from the publishers if the request is marked Competition.

The manuscript can be written in English, German, or French, and the winning paper will appear in English in one of the Karger publications.

The award for the prize is SFr 15,000.00 (for 1986), or SFr 20,000.00 (for 1987). The council of the foundation will judge the papers and confer the prize.

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.

Retinoids, Differentiation and Disease. Ciba Foundation Symposium 113. (Pp 286; £27.95.) The Ciba Foundation. 1985.

Antioxidant Adaptation. Its Role in Free Pathology. SA Levine and PM Kidd. (Pp 367; \$60.00.) Biocurrents Division of Allergy Research Group. 1985.

Clinical Trials in Cancer Medicine. Past Achievements and Future Prospects. Bristol-Myers Cancer Symposia. Vol 6. Ed U Veronesi and G Bonadonna. (Pp 654; £60.) Academic Press. 1985.