
This is a special book that not only should be read by anyone concerned with sickle cell disease but will be read with pleasure by all those who appreciate disease but want to be in the pursuit of a better understanding of diseases of the nervous system. DI GRAHAM


When it was first introduced, exfoliative cytology was regarded with some suspicion or indifference by the classical histopathologist. Since then, the technical difficulties discussed in detail in this atlas have largely been overcome, and the examination of smears or aspiration biopsies has contributed greatly to the earlier diagnosis of cancer of various organs. This excellently produced atlas deals with the cytology of the prostate. Delicate surgical techniques are required for the collection of adequate specimens, and these are described in the first part of the book by the authors, both professors of urology at the Free University Hospital Berlin. This is followed by techniques of processing and staining and a surprisingly detailed description of the microscope and its uses. There is a brief section on the classification of carcinoma of the prostate. The bulk of the atlas deals with the normal and neoplastic cytology of the prostate and is profusely illustrated, although comparative histological illustrations would have enhanced the interest of the histopathologist and assisted the trainee cytologist.

The final chapters deal with the application of modern morphometric methods. Although the objective quantitative assessment of both cytological and histological specimens is important, the diagnosis is more often than not based on the qualitative first impression of the experienced microscopist. Experience can only be acquired by the study of large numbers of specimens, but this book will serve as a reliable guide both for the beginner and the mature cytopathologist. I FRIEDMANN.