

**Surgical Pathology of Bone Marrow. Core Biopsy Diagnosis. Major Problems in Pathology.** Vol 17. B Wittels. (Pp 162; £35.50.) WB Saunders. 1985.

The interpretation of bone marrow pathology continues to present difficulties both for pathologists and haematologists, who for different reasons tend to feel inadequate for the task. This book aims to provide the kind of guidance which both require. Emphasis has been placed on key issues; comprehensiveness has not been attempted, although the scope is quite wide ranging. Histopathologists, in particular, will appreciate the option for standard histological methods. Specialised techniques such as plastic embedding and ultrastructure are thought to be too laborious, too restrictive, and, with some notable exceptions, unnecessary for general purposes. The sections on myeloproliferative disorders and metastatic tumours are probably the best. The approach to lymphoid disorders is less avant garde; little mention is made, for example, of T cell neoplasia. A few eyebrows will be raised by the assertions that histiocytosis X is neoplastic and that the so called malignant histiocytosis complicating acute leukaemia is benign and reactive. Nevertheless, pathologists and haematologists will unquestionably benefit from reading this stimulating, if at times rather controversial, monograph.

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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.

**A Practical Approach to Infectious Diseases.** Ed RE Reese, RG Doublas. (Pp 798; soft cover £30.65.) Churchill Livingstone. 1985. ISBN 0 316 73712 7.

**Transformation Assay of Established Cell Lines; Mechanisms and Application.** IARC Scientific Publications no 67. Ed T Kakunaga, H Yamasaki. (Pp 225; £20.) Oxford University Press. 1986.

**Growth factors in biology and medicine.** Ciba Foundation Symposium 116. (Pp 283; £27.95) Pitman. 1985. ISBN 0 272 79818 5.

**Biochemistry of Macrophages.** Ciba Foundation Symposium 118. (Pp 256; £27.95.) Pitman. 1985. ISBN 0 272 79832 3.

**Prenatal and Perinatal Infections; report on a WHO meeting.** EURO reports and studies no 93. (Pp 147; Sw fr 12.) World Health Organisation. 1985. ISBN 92 890 1259 5.

**Modern Cell Biology. Vol 4.** Series ed Birgit H Satir. Modern Cell Biology Series. (Pp 240; £28.) Alan R Liss Inc. 1985. ISBN 0-8451-3303-9.

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### Fourth International Symposium on Morphometry in Morphological diagnosis

Royal Society of Medicine,  
September 10-12, 1986

Although covering image analysis using large systems, many of the contributions will describe the use of small micro based systems suitable for use in a district general hospital. One session will be devoted to flow cytometry. The emphasis throughout will be on clinical applications and clinical usefulness. The programme includes invited expert guest speakers: Bahr (USA); Watson (UK); Ploem (Netherlands); Wied (USA); Aver (Sweden); Baak (Netherlands); Stenkqvist (Sweden); and Collan (Finland).

There will also be a wide range of preferred papers and poster demonstrations, particularly on the applications of morphometry to gut, bone, breast, lymphoreticular and urogenital pathology. A pleasing feature of the preferred papers are the contributions correlating structure and function, which is an ideal aim for clinical pathologists.

A limited number of places now remain for attendance at the symposium. These will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis.

Further details may be obtained from: Miss Elaine Gill, Gill Medical, 429 Tamworth Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 3JT, England.

#### Correction

The formula on page 105 of the January issue should read:

$f_1(\text{age}) \pm 1.96 f_2(\text{age})$  and not  $f_1(\text{age})$  (SD 1.96)  $f_2(\text{age})$