Colour Atlas of Wounds and Wounding. G Austin Gresham. (Pp 120; £59.95.) MTP Press Limited. 1986. ISBN 0-85200-156-8.

The first thing to be said about this book is that it is good value for money, even at almost £60. In fact, it is a textbook on forensic pathology, which is considerably more than the title suggests. However the author cares to define a wound, this book covers most of the ground which any police surgeon or general pathologist should be familiar with in forensic pathology.

It is written by a well known general pathologist with a forensic practice and this gives it distinct advantages over the textbooks of forensic medicine written by full time forensic pathologists. There is a wider, more critical, but less detailed approach, akin to examination through a hand lens rather than down a microscope. Time honoured myths are not perpetuated from previous editions and much is obviously the author's own experience, opinion, and interpretation.

M RUFUS CROMPTON

Practical Teratology. Pamela Taylor. (Pp 171; £18.50.) Academic Press Inc. 1986. ISBN 0-12-683860-7.

Buy this book now and use it frequently if you have any real interest in experimental teratology in the rodent or rabbit. It is an unassuming work of pragmatic advice on how to do standard experiments, and full of the wisdom and practical instructions that come only from extensive experience.

The first 10 chapters lucidly explain how to handle experimental animals in regulatory type studies of the teratogenic potential of chemicals, and how to examine fetuses for visceral, cranial, and skeletal malformations. The text and many fine diagrams describe the main types of milder variations and major abnormalities, and give helpful advice about how to record findings for easy recall and analysis.

The latter third of the book contains brief information about some classical teratogens, a glossary of specialised descriptive terms, divided by the region affected, and references to standard works on teratology.

As a practical guide to teratology experiments, the book will be extremely valuable. It tells you baldly what to do and how to do it with no obscuring theoretical speculations.

AD DAYAN

Atlas of Bladder Carcinoma. An American Society of Clinical Pathologists book. WD Murphy. (Pp 150; \$68.00.) Raven Press. 1986. ISBN 0-89189-211-7.

This short book has been produced by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and consists of 153 high quality colour illustrations; an optional set of 75 transparencies is available. The text is short and lucid and makes a good introduction to urothelial carcinoma for junior staff. There are short chapters on pathological changes associated with treatment and with the appearances of urothelial carcinoma.

This is a useful book to have on the reporting room shelf, but the price is relatively high and this reflects the high quality of production. This will make it a low priority in most laboratories, which is a great pity, for it deserves a wide audience.

G SLAVIN

Notices

ACP management course for junior pathologists

Monday 21 September–Wednesday 23 September 1987

**Earnshaw Hall of Residence
University of Sheffield**

This residential course hopes to cover the following topics: the organisation and future of pathology service in the NHS; medical advisory committee machinery and the organisation of pathology services at DHSS and region levels; the management of the district; pathology laboratory management; the financing of the NHS at region, district, and laboratory levels; the representation of pathologists in the NHS; the future of the pathologist in an era of technological change and cost containment; personnel and industrial relations; health and safety at work.

Course fee: £85.00 inclusive of coffee, lunch, dinner and tea, two nights bed and breakfast.

Details from and applications to: Dr GW Pennington, Department of Endocrinology, The Jessop Hospital for Women, Leavygreave Road, Sheffield S3 7RE.

Numbers will be limited and applications will be dealt with in strict rotation.

First Asian Congress on Anaerobic Bacteria in Health and Diseases

November 12–14 1987, Hotel Oberoi Towers, Bombay. Pre-congress workshop at Seth GS Medical College, Bombay.

Chairman: Dr SM Finegold

Deadlines: 30 May 1987 abstracts

31 July 1987 registration

For details contact: Dr Ajita Mehta, Department of Microbiology, Seth GS Medical College, Parel, Bombay 400 012, India.

Joint Royal College of Surgeons/Imperial Cancer Research Fund Histopathology Unit

As part of this unit, which has been established for the purpose of advancing the science of diagnostic histopathology, a panel of experienced histopathologists provides advice on diagnostic problems to any pathologist seeking a second opinion. Material can be sent as wet tissue, fixed tissue, paraffin blocks, or sections. If stained sections are submitted additional unstained sections should be sent whenever possible. Where blocks are sent, they will be returned in due course when the sender indicates that this is necessary. Special arrangements can be made, where possible, for the examination of frozen sections or material requiring electron microscopy. There is no charge for these services.

The Panel is now in its third year and has dealt with an average of between four and five cases per week. These have come from more than 50 different hospitals in the United Kingdom and from 10 different countries. The membership of the panel at present includes: Professor NFC Gowing, Professor DH Mackenzie, Dr BC Morson, Dr RCB Pugh, Professor H Spencer, Dr AG Stansfeld, Professor AC Thackray and Dr KAD Turk. The work of the panel is being coordinated by Professor B Cohen from whom request forms can be obtained and to whom enquiries can be addressed at: the Histopathology Unit, 35–43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN (01-242 0200).