

All descriptions of developmental changes have this denominator. It is possible and clinically useful to derive closer estimates of gestation particularly before 30 weeks. There is discussion of the need to weigh and measure and the use of organ weight ratios, but no normal data are provided. The method of brain removal is not one I would recommend routinely. It is inappropriate to incise the atloido-occipital membrane to sample CSF after removal of the spinal cord. The section on dysmaturity I found incomprehensible. The interpretation of some placental pathology is outmoded, particularly the concept of placental insufficiency. The text would have benefited from confident editing to rid it of infelicitous English.

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**Principles and Practice of Surgical Pathology.** 2nd ed. Vols I and II. Ed SG Silverberg. (Pp 2182; £150.) Churchill Livingstone. 1990. ISBN 0-443-08691-3.

Diagnostic histopathology books, like boxers, come in different sizes. This book is a world-class welterweight, with the fighting experience of a previous first edition. Its English language competitors are the rejuvenated Ackerman now trained by the effervescent Rosai, and Coulson (reviewed last December in this Journal). The third edition of Symmers, which is carefully flexing its muscle but as yet only partly on show, and the mainly German series edited by Doerr, Seiffert, and Uehlinger, are in a different ultraheavyweight class (and price range). How do the welterweight competitors compare?

The Americans have been good in this area for a long time. Saphir's book held the field in the 1960s, Rosai's new editions, and the earlier Ackermans have always been a delight to read. The authors exercised individuality in their selection of topics and in their treatment. The experienced pathologist consults them with glee. He only hopes that his trainee will enjoy their wisdom in the way that was necessary in reading Boyd when a student. Silverberg has adopted a different approach. He aims for comprehensive and relatively uniform coverage. There are nearly 90 contributors. All but five work in North America. Most chapters are good, but there are exceptions.

*Good points.* The book is well bound, and the appearance of the page layout is attractive. There are excellent line diagrams to explain the various types of dental cyst.

*Mixed virtues.* Many synoptic tables are excellent. Others are apparently there merely for uniformity. The photomicrographs are variable; too many lack the clarity obtainable today.

*Weaker aspects.* Unlike Ackerman, this book displays a pronounced North American parochial bias in the bibliographical references to most chapters. Although some European papers are cited, they tend to be somewhat dated or in clinical journals. Several chapters show little evidence of significant updating since the previous edition.

Despite these reservations, this book certainly should be on the shelves of any histopathology laboratory. We think that it ought also to be at home for most trainee pathologists. It represents the new diagnostic orthodoxy. For the essential general path-

ology background you need access to the fourth edition of Robbins.

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**Atlas of Surgical Pathology of the Colon, Rectum and Anus.** JR Jass, NA Shepherd, JD Maybee. (Pp 256; £40.) Churchill Livingstone. 1989. ISBN 0-443-03738-8.

This atlas comprehensively illustrates the changes seen in the more common diseases of the large bowel and covers some rarer entities. There are instructive chapters on normal anatomy and a useful appendix containing over 70 references. The text, which is brief but informative, is liberally expanded in the figure legends and lavishly illustrated by 150 high quality black and white photographs of gross specimens. These are complemented by a similar number of black and white photomicrographs, most of good quality, but a few were unacceptably poor. The number of photomicrographs seemed excessive in such a text and more careful editing of some page layouts would enhance the visual impact of this book.

These criticisms apart, this reasonably priced book contains copious, digestible information, and the graphic presentation should appeal to clinicians and pathologists with a special interest in this area. It will have to compete with a similarly priced colour atlas on gastroenterology and a monograph on biopsy pathology of colonic disease.

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## NOTICES

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Junior members receive the *Journal of Clinical Pathology* each month. Other benefits are reduced registration fees to attend ACP scientific meetings, all the documents regularly sent to full members of the Association including *ACP News*, which has a regular column for juniors, and the twice yearly summary of pathology courses included in the ACP programme of postgraduate education. Junior members have their own representative body, the Junior Members' Group, which has a direct input to Council.

For Junior Membership apply to: The Honorary Secretary, Association of Clinical Pathologists, School of Biological Sciences, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9QG. (0273) 678435.

### One day open Scientific Meeting of the UK Haemophilia Centre Directors

20 September 1990

Octagon Centre, University of Sheffield

The programme includes:

\*Strategies for treatment of HIV  
Dr AJ Pinching, London

\*Targets for antiviral drug development

Professor JD Jeffries, London

\*HCV and Haemophilia  
Dr RS Tedder, London

\*von Willebrand's disease—New perspectives

Dr GF Savidge, London

\*Management of factor VIII inhibitors

Dr HR Roberts, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

\*New generation products: At what cost?

Professor PM Mannucci, Milan

\*Gene transfer as an approach to treatment

Dr AR Thompson, Seattle

Other topics will cover the treatment of chronic liver disease including liver transplantation

A Dinner will be held at the *Cutlers Hall* on the evening of 20 September for those wishing to attend

Accommodation has been reserved at a nearby University Hall of Residence for the nights of 19 and 20 September

Application forms and further details from: Dr JS Lilleyman, Department of Haematology, The Children's Hospital, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TH  
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### Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology of the Breast

27-28 September 1990

Department of Pathology, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, Northern Ireland

The topics will include: basic techniques and basic cytopathology of the breast; more advanced cytopathology of the breast; cytopathology of small lesions using stereotactic techniques; cytopathology of difficult and less common conditions.

Guest speakers will include:

Dr L Bondeson, Cytodiagnostic Department, Malmö General Hospital, Sweden, and Dr J L Peterse, Department of Pathology/Cytology, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam.

Course fee: £40.00.

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