

Book Review

Diagnosis and Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Edited by William M. Mc Cormack (1983) Boston, Bristol, London. John Wright. PSG Inc Page 248. Price £ 27.00.

The book is contributed by 19 authors and excepting in few sections, a uniformity of style has been accomplished.

Most of the book is excellent reading material for both teachers and post graduates of the speciality. Chapters dealing with chronic prostatitis, vulvovaginitis, dysuria in women and pelvic inflammation are educative reading even for urologists and gynecologists.

Another highlight chapter in this book is 'STD in pregnancy' where the subject is dealt with comprehensively and completely.

In the section dealing with genital lesions some common conditions are completely missed out. For example, drug reactions, pemphigus, fixed drug eruptions are diagnoses that have to be kept in mind in cases of genital ulcerative lesions, but these are not mentioned.

Few chapters in this otherwise well compiled book are disappointing. The section on latent and late syphilis and evaluation of reactive STD is presented in a complicated and confusing manner. Instead of confining the discussion to the title of the chapter the author goes on to describe signs and symptoms of all the late syphilitic lesions, cardiovascular and neurosyphilis which are beyond the scope of this book.

There are chapters on scabies and pediculosis with detailed descriptions of the diseases which are quite out of place. Discussion on *Listeria monocytogenes* and influenza under neonatal sepsis and descriptions on rubella and toxoplasmosis are difficult to accept as within the scope of this book.

There are 23 colour photographs and some of these are good.

I would recommend this book in the library of every STD practitioner, teacher and PG student. I would also recommend at least some sections of the book for reading by gynecologists, obstetricians and urologists.

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