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This book is intended for candidates sitting the first part of the membership examination of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and contains 250 questions with reasoned answers primarily in relation to descriptive psychopathology, dynamic psychopathology, clinical psychopharmacology, neuroanatomy, neurophysiology and neuropathology.

It is a very good collection of MCQs and I have yet to find any wrong answer. The explanations given are very good and understandable. The authors state that particular attention should be given to key words such as 'recognized, typical, characteristic, common,' etc., but fail to give any definition or description in the book. Cross references are accurate.

I strongly recommend this book for all trainees sitting for the MRCPsych Part I Examination. Certainly it is good value for money.

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Mr Beddow is to be congratulated on his editorship of a concise multi-author work on the surgical management of rheumatoid arthritis. The book opens with a consideration of the medical aspects of the disease before discussing its pathology. The remainder of the volume is concerned with the surgical aspects of rheumatoid arthritis and this is sensibly organized on a regional basis. Each chapter is well illustrated with a combination of diagrams, clinical photographs and radiographs and ends with a remarkably full list of contemporary references. Separate sections are devoted to the peculiar aspects of arthritis of childhood.

The book stands alone from the others currently available on rheumatoid arthritis surgery since whereas the latter tend only to consider the basic mechanics of the surgery this work – as its title indicates – stresses surgical management. Consequently, in addition to the surgical details consideration is given throughout to investigation, diagnosis, results and complications of surgery as well as rehabilitation.

Because this small book is so generously illustrated the text is relatively short. Nonetheless the author has managed to introduce the reader to the most important and newer concepts in the surgical management of this condition with the chapters on shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand being particularly noteworthy in this respect.

The work is to be recommended to rheumatologists, orthopaedic surgeons and rehabilitationists in training since they will rapidly obtain from it a thorough overview of the subject. They will then be well prepared to study the larger texts devoted to the minutiae of surgical detail.

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Books Received


Postgraduate Diary

Institute of Cancer Research
Regular programme of seminars and teaching sessions throughout the year.
Information: The Dean, Institute of Cancer Research, Haddow Laboratories, 15 Cotswold Road, Belmont, Surrey SM2 5NG, UK.

National Heart and Lung Institute
Courses leading to award of University Diplomas in Cardiology and Thoracic Medicine. Short Courses, meetings and symposia are held throughout the year.
Postgraduate Office, National Heart and Lung Institute, Dovehouse Street, London SW3 6LY. Tel: 01-351 8172.

Institute of Child Health
Short courses booklet available.
For further details please apply to: Anne Crowley, Short Courses Office (Room 6), Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH. Tel: 01-829 8692 (direct).

Institute of Dental Surgery
Courses for M.Sc. in various aspects of dentistry, Diploma in Dental Public Health, basic medical sciences, etc.
Information: The Dean, Institute of Dental Surgery, Eastman Dental Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD, UK.

Hunterian Institute
Long and short courses in basic medical sciences for primary FRCS (including revision courses in Anatomy/Physiology/Pathology), Primary FDS, FFA part 2 held throughout the year.
Details and applications: The Hunterian Institute, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. Tel: 01-405 3474.

Institute of Laryngology and Otology
Applications and enquiries: Cheryl Overington, Secretary to the Dean, Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330/332 Gray’s Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE.

Institute of Neurology
Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology. Each Wednesday evening throughout academic year.
Details: Institute Registrar, National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG, UK.

RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Details of symposia from: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte’s Hospital for Women, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG, UK.

Institute of Ophthalmology
Regular courses in ophthalmology held throughout the year.
17/25 Cayton Street, London EC1 9AT, UK.

Institute of Orthopaedics
Radiodiagnosis demonstrations – Mondays at 5 p.m. during the academic year.
Details: Miss A.M. Lucas, Postgraduate Secretary, Institute of Orthopaedics, The Middlesex Hospital, London W1. Tel: 01-380 9418.

Institute of Psychiatry
Programme of courses and lectures.
1st International conference on Psychology and the Performing Arts, 5 – 7 July 1990. Enquiries to Dr Glenn Wilson, Department of Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry.
Details: Nadine Morgan, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AG. Tel: 01-703 5411 ext 3170.

Institute of Urology
Short courses on aspects of urology and nephrology – throughout the year.
One year Diploma courses in urology and nephrology commencing September each year.
Advanced stone management course – held twice yearly.
Applications and enquiries: The Dean, Institute of Urology, 172–176 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JE, UK.

Royal Postgraduate Medical School
Regular courses on advanced topics.
School Office, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS, UK.

St Thomas’s Hospital
MRCP Part II (Paeds course aimed at both written and clinical part of examination).
Saturday 28 April to 4 May 1990.
Held in Postgraduate Centre, St Thomas’ Hospital.
Details: Miss M. Brooks, Paediatric Unit, St Thomas’ Hospital, London SE1 6EH. Tel: 01-928 9292 ext 2146/3044.

Royal Free Hospital
Details: Dr D. Geraint James, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG.

University of Keele
Diploma course for general practitioners in Primary Medical Care.
Details: Dr B. McGuiness, Department of Postgraduate Medicine, University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG. (Stoke on Trent 49144 ext 4047).

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University of Manchester
M.A. in Health Care Ethics.
Details: Mrs S. Iboitson, Department of Education, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, UK.

University of Warwick
Techniques and applications of molecular biology: a course for medical practitioners. 9–12 April 1990.
Enquiries and applications: Dr Rachel Strachan, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

IVth International Symposium on Antiphospholipid Antibodies 9–11 April 1990. Sirmione, Lake Garda, Italy.
Details: Lupus Research Unit, Rayne Institute, St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 7EH.

University of Wales College of Medicine
Courses in Medical Education:
Principles of Medical Education – Assessment Methods
Assessing Yourself and Others 14–16 February 1990.
Also available – full or part-time Diploma or MSc programme in Medical Education.
Enquiries to Ms Lynne Allery, Lecturer in Medical Education, Department of Postgraduate Studies, University of Wales College of Medicine, Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XN.

Liverpool, Newsham General Hospital
Lunchtime meetings twice monthly.
Secretary, Postgraduate Centre, Belmont Road, Liverpool L6 4AF, UK.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MSc, diploma and research degree courses in public health and tropical medicine.
Enquiries: The Registrar, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT.

Advances in the Understanding and Treatment of Asthma
An international meeting jointly sponsored by The Royal Society of Medicine and The New York Academy of Sciences.
1–3 October 1990. To be held at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.
Details: Janet Locker, Medical Services Department, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

International Conference on Gallstones and their Management
Details: Gallstone Conference, Vered Congress. 15 Weizman Street, Nes Ziona 70400, Israel.

Mount Sinai Medical Center
Information: Rosamund Rhodes, Coordinator of Medical Ethics Teaching, Box 1193. The Mount Sinai Medical Center, One Gustave L. Levy Place, New York, NY 10029-8574, USA.

9th International Congress. European Federation for Medical Informatics
20–23 August 1990.
Details: Dr. J.S. Bryden, Meeting Makers, 50 Richmond Street, Glasgow G1 1XP.

XXXII International Congress for the History of Medicine
Antwerp, Belgium 3–7 September 1990.
Information: Thierry Appelboom MD, Erasmus University Hospital, route de Lennik 808. 1070 Brussels, Belgium.

IV World Congress of Scientific Acupuncture
Rome 17–20 April 1990.
Pain and acupuncture.
Information: Barberini Tours, Congress Secretariat, via Della Purificazione 95-00187 Rome, Italy.

St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
4th Annual magnetic resonance imaging conference.
Barrow Neurological Institute of St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona. March 3–7, 1990.
Information: Kevin King, Education Coordinator, Radiologic Education Center, St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, 350 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85103, USA.

Management in Practice
A series of educational seminars for general practice managers and administrators.
23–24 March 1990 (University of Warwick)
6–7 April 1990 (University of Wales, Cardiff).
Information: Valerie Bush, Management in Medicine Conferences, 42 Devonshire Road, Cambridge, CB1 2BL. Tel. 0222 311946.

31st Annual Postgraduate Institute for Pathologists in Clinical Cytopathology
Home study course Feb–April 1990 In Residence Course April 23 to May 4, 1990.
Details: J.K. Frost, MD, or Ms B.A. Remley, 111 Pathology Building, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD 21205, USA.

International Symposium on Arthroscopy
1–3 November 1990.
Details: MetaPhor Conference & Meetings, 21 Kirkirk Close, Farsley, Pudsey, W. Yorks LS28 5TF.

2nd European Congress of Endocrinology
1–6 July 1990. Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.
Information: Secretariat, Komos Jugoslavija, Congress Department, Prazakova 4, 61000 Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

ICR International Clinical Symposium
'The role of clinical measurement in the evaluation of new drugs'. Organised by Inveresk Clinical Research, Edinburgh.
Information: Symposium Secretariat, CEP Consultants, 26–28 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QH.

Full details of the courses, meetings and symposia listed above, and of others of interest to medical postgraduates, can be obtained from the individual organisations.
National Association of Clinical Tutors

The following courses are planned so far for 1990:
March 8/9 Nuts and Bolts course – Clatterbridge, Wirral.
March 14/15 Careers Counselling course – Stoke Rochford, Lincs.

The Summer Meeting of the Association will be held in York, from 4 to 7 July. This meeting is being held simultaneously with meetings of CRAGPIE, NAPMECA and the Conference of UK Deans, and a plenary session will be held.

The Winter Meeting of the Association is on 23 November at the Royal College of Physicians.
Council meetings:
   April 3
   July 18
   October 4

Information about the Association, and details of the above courses and meetings can be obtained from:
The Secretariat,
National Association of Clinical Tutors,
6 St Andrew's Place,
London NW1 4LB.
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Members of the Group are mailed regularly about the meetings.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20 February 1990 when the invited speaker will be Professor Peter Sever, Department of Clinical Pharmacology, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London 'What causes high blood pressure? Lessons from migration studies in Kenya.'

European research fellows and other visiting doctors who would like details of these meetings should write to:

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c/o The Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine,
6 St Andrew's Place,
London NW1 4LB
Tel. 01 935 5556
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