MCQ Tutor: Psychiatry Today, Robert I. Cohen and Aileen O'Halloran. Pp. 129. Heinemann Medical Books, Oxford, London, Singapore, Nairobi, Ibadan, Kingston, 1989. £10.95.

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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Surgical Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis, edited by F. Howard Beddow. Pp. xi + 194, illustrated. Butterworth Scientific, Guildford, Surrey, 1989. £55.00 hard cover.

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 considera-

tion 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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