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- Clinical Endocrinology for Practitioners and Students*. By LAURENCE MARTIN. Fifth edition. Pp. 338, illustrated. London: J. & A. Churchill, 1969. £2 10s.
- Operative Surgery Revision*. By J. J. SHIPMAN. Second edition. Pp. 171. London: H. K. Lewis, 1969. £1 15s.

Book review

Textbook of Radiology

Ed. by DAVID SUTTON, assisted by R. G. GRAINGER. Pp. 1186, illustrated. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1969. £15.

This new British textbook on radiology sets out to provide in one volume a comprehensive and up-to-date work, suitable for both the trainee radiologist and consultant. This aim is achieved. The book is concise, beautifully illustrated with excellent X-ray reproductions and line drawings. Edited by David Sutton, there are eighteen contributors, all experts in their particular fields, and the 1160 pages cover all branches of this rapidly expanding branch of medical science. Although references and suggestions for further reading have been kept to a minimum, it is a pity that no references are provided for some of the standard works

mentioned in the text. The sections on bones and joints, the chest, the cardio-vascular system, the urogenital tract and the central nervous system are lucid, and well presented. There is some imbalance in the content of the section on the gastro-intestinal tract; for almost as much space is devoted to volvulus of the colon as to the important condition of ulcerative colitis.

Mammography, isotope scanning and the radiology of ENT, eyes and teeth are adequately covered, and details of technique in arteriography, phlebography and lymphangiography should prove useful to the young radiologist trying to master the practical procedures. The book is eminently readable, and should certainly be on the shelves of every X-ray department library, and standard reading for all D.M.R.D. candidates.

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gram(s)	g	second(s)	sec
kilogram(s)	kg	cubic millimetre(s)	mm ³
milligram(s)		millimetre(s)	mm
(10 ⁻³ g)	mg	centimetre(s)	cm
microgram(s)		millicurie(s)	mCi
(10 ⁻⁶ g)	μg	millilitre(s)	ml
nanogram(s)		pound(s)	lb
(10 ⁻⁹ g)	ng	milliequivalent	mEq
picogram(s)			
(10 ⁻¹² g)	pg	R _F values	R _F
hour(s)	hr		
minute(s)	min	gravitational acceleration	g
micron(s)	μ	per cent	%

Example: mg/100 ml, for biochemical values; mEq/l

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