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Abdominal and Vaginal Hysterectomy—New Techniques based on Time and Motion Studies.

By S. JOSE COHEN. Pp. 170, illustrated. London: William Heinemann Medical Books, 1972. £3.50

The author of this outstanding book has managed to solve two most difficult problems. In the first place he has written a wonderfully interesting technical account of two operations, each described in a manner both simple and lucid. In the second place he has succeeded in conveying his own convictions of the intrinsic value of the special procedures he has perfected in the course of his own long experience.

For these two reasons, *Abdominal and Vaginal Hysterectomy* must be regarded as an essential part of every gynaecologist's library. Wholly readable, it will provide food for thought for all save those who steadfastly refuse even to contemplate any alterations or improvements in their own operative technique and dexterity. It is, in fact, one of the most valuable publications of recent years in this particular speciality since it contains information which cannot be found elsewhere.

Neuropharmacology and Behaviour

By V. G. LONGO. Pp. 184, illustrated. Reading, England: W. H. Freeman, 1972. £3.30 (paperback £1.70).

The gulf between the pharmacologist and clinical psychiatrist cries out to be bridged. A number of authors have attempted this feat with little success, and this volume is no exception, leaving the reader poised in mid-stream. By a pharmacologist from the Institute Superiore di Sanita, Rome, it is attractively printed and set out in enticing sections on Anti-Psychotics, Anti-Depressants, Tranquillizers and Hallucinogens. Longo gives a concise account of the pharmacology and the clinical application of neuroleptic drugs and a more detailed account of some obscure hallucinogens which might be of interest to undergraduates, and those requiring a review of the subject. Although the book is commended by the publishers for 'medical, psychiatric, and pharmacological researchers', and as a reference work, it has no comprehensive index (though there are useful references at the end of each section). A 'glossary-index' is appended in which some commonplace medical terms as clonic, carotid, hyperpyrexia, dysuria, myocardial and hallucination are defined.

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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	percent	%

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

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