maternal deaths have been recorded in conjunction with simultaneous administration of betamimetics and steroids.

This book is highly recommended and further volumes in the series are awaited with great interest.

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Occupational Lung Disorders

By W. RAYMOND PARKES. 2nd Edn. Pp. xv + 529, illustrated.
Butterworths, London, 1982. £68.00.

This is a beautifully produced book and has no rivals as a reference text for occupational lung disorders. The book has been re-written and extended since the first edition in 1974. This edition has a major new chapter on occupational asthma with additional material on occupational infectious diseases and zoonoses, fungus disorders and the effects of altitude, fire, smoke and pressure. There is also a small chapter on occupational lung cancer. The book has all the advantages of been written by a single author. Dr Parkes maintains a

consistent and critical approach to the literature throughout. He states what he requires to be established before a disease can be causally attributed to the occupational exposure and measures the vast numbers of papers quoted against this standard. The book not only contains excellent descriptions of the disease process but provides a clear count of the degrees of exposure likely to result from different forms of occupational exposures. The book is at its best describing specific occupational diseases. I felt the chapter on occupational cancers was unnecessarily short and omitted the interesting relationships between cigarette smoking and asbestos-induced lung cancer. The relationship between chronic bronchitis and occupation is well summarized. I hope there will be more information to be reviewed in this section when the next edition is produced. The X-ray reproductions are of superb quality, although there are a few minor problems of arrows omitted from some of the X-rays. Everybody who sees patients with occupational lung disorders should have a copy of this book; those who have not yet recognized occupational chest disorders should read the book to see what they are missing.

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