

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of 1977 Year Book of Pathology and Clinical Pathology

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Keeping abreast of current medical literature is rapidly becoming an impossible task. The *1977 Yearbook of Pathology and Clinical Pathology* is one publisher's attempt to provide a source book of recent informative articles (in this instance through May 1976) to update the practicing pathologist's fund of current literature developments.

The text is divided into anatomical and clinical pathology sections. The anatomic portion covers articles on cellular pathology, inflammation, tumors, immune diseases, genetic diseases, plus all organ systems. A brief forensic science section is even included. The clinical pathology section includes articles on chemical pathology, microbiology, immunology, blood bank, hematology, and laboratory data processing. Both subject and author indexes are included.

The format of the text is a brief summary of each article, often followed by a comment that contains additional cross references. This last feature is particularly helpful and greatly increases the scope of the book.

The major fault of this text lies in its illustrations. While there is an adequate number of photographs, many of them are reduced from their original magnifications with a resultant loss in detail and clarity. Charts and graphs, however, are clearly readable.

This book should be most helpful to pathologists and residents who are trying to keep up with recent literature.

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