

clinicians alike for its comprehensive coverage of a difficult field. Even at the high price, it is strongly recommended, and should be a valuable addition to any surgical department's library.

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Advances in Clinical Cytology. L. G. KOSS & D. V. COLEMAN (1981). London: Butterworths. 355 pp. £25.00 net.

Although the earliest methods of tissue diagnosis made use of cytological specimens, the techniques were largely forgotten with the introduction of tissue processing. Consequently, in its development during recent years, it has been looked upon as a "new" discipline. But progress has been rapid, and it is already possible to publish "Advances in Clinical Cytology". This book's value lies in that it includes chapters describing advances in practical diagnosis and chapters dealing with recent research in cell biology from which future diagnostic methods may emerge. The chapters provide useful and well referenced reviews of the subjects considered, which include cytological diagnosis of endometrial cancer, polyoma virus infection, occult lung cancer, thyroid disease, ophthalmological disease and the use of smear preparations in neuropathology. The quality of the illustrations is high and add much to the value of the text. The chapters dealing with more recent research present a valuable picture of the foundations from which

further advances will be made. This is a book which can be recommended to practising cytopathologists.

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Colour Atlas of Breast Cytopathology. C. GRUBB (1981). London: HM and M Publishers. 72 pp. £25.00 net.

This volume, slim though it is, nevertheless represents very good value for money at £25, and I have no hesitation in recommending it. The atlas is comprehensive and detailed, and does not balk at illustrating material from aspirates that are less than satisfactory, but provide many of the diagnostic problems and pitfalls that beset the cytopathologist in dealing with such specimens. The illustrations are excellent, cellular morphology sparklingly clear, and the captions concise and to the point. The index is a model of its kind, though printed in such small type as to make reading something of a problem to those without a magnifying glass.

While it may seem churlish to cavil at any aspect of such an excellent volume, this reviewer feels that the lay-out is cramped, uninspired and less attractive than the illustrations deserve: no doubt consideration of cost militated against lavishness, but it does seem a pity. Nevertheless, I am confident that experienced cyto-pathologists and students alike will benefit from this atlas.

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