

CASE STUDIES IN NEUROLOGY FOR THE HOUSE OFFICER. By Stephen L. Hansen, M.D., Lawrence P. Levitt, M.D., and Howard L. Werner, M.D. Published by Williams & Wilkins, 1986. 255 pages.

This pocket sized manual was written as a companion to the very popular *Neurology for the House Officer* and is designed to illustrate principles of neurological localization and diagnosis outlined in the parent book.

The case study approach involves 52 capsule patient presentations each followed by questions on localization, pathological correlation, differential diagnosis or management problems. Succinct answers are given overleaf, often accompanied by diagrams reinforcing anatomical principles. Following each case, several "pearls" and "pitfalls" are offered elaborating briefly on each disease process. A brief list of 5-10 references also accompanies each case.

The spectrum of cases is surprisingly diverse although most are understandably covered only briefly. Most common neuro-

logical problems are included in addition to several more unusual cases like fungal meningitis, neurosarcoidosis and lead poisoning. The writing style appropriately emphasizes simple principles of diagnosis.

The book is aimed primarily at non-neurology housestaff and serves as a valuable supplement to *Neurology for the House Officer* which seems increasingly to be used by such groups. The very nature of the book entails only superficial reference to controversial issues such as drug holidays for Parkinsonian patients and there are a few omissions such as ignoring the EEG in the workup of a first seizure in middle age. Perhaps the strongest feature is the very well selected reference section accompanying each case.

Overall I would recommend this book to clinical clerks and junior medical residents on the neurology service to be used primarily as illustrative material to its companion publication.

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Books Received

EPILEPSY IN CHILDREN. By Jean Aicardi. Published by Raven Publishers. 425 pages. \$93 Cdn.

CRANIOSYNOSTOSIS: Diagnosis, Evaluation and Management. Edited by M. Michael Cohen, Jr. Published by Raven Press. 624 pages. \$187 Cdn.

COLOR ATLAS OF NEUROPATHOLOGY. By R.O. Weller. Published by Oxford University Press. 207 pages. 440 color illustrations. \$112.50 Cdn.

DEVELOPMENTAL NEUROPSYCHOBIOLOGY. Edited by William T. Greenough and Janice M. Juraska. Published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. 485 pages. \$48.75 Cdn.

MPTP: A NEUROTOXIN PRODUCING A PARKINSON SYNDROME. Edited by Sanford P. Markey, Neal Castagnoli,

Jr., Anthony J. Trevor and Irwin J. Kapin. Published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. 722 pages.

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