decades ago. *Crohn's Workshop: A Global Assessment of Crohn's Disease* is the outcome of a meeting held in Cape Town during August 1979 which aimed, among other things to decide whether there has been a real increase in the incidence of the disease. Readers hoping to find an answer to this critical question should start with the highly pertinent and intelligent chapters contributed by M J S Langman and J K Ritchie which highlight many of the difficulties in undertaking satisfactory epidemiological studies and interpreting their results. The book is divided into four sections which deal with a general description of the disease, the features of the disorder in high and low incidence countries, and, finally, the problems of gathering acceptable data in this most perplexing illness. The clinical, pathological, and radiological accounts are relatively brief and most interest lies in the documentation of Crohn's disease from high incidence countries: USA, Britain, Netherlands, and Sweden, and those where there is a low incidence: South Africa, Australia, Brazil, and Japan. At the finish, the reader will be no closer to the cause of Crohn's disease but he will have enlarged his perspective of the problems and familiarised himself with the difficulties facing those who study this disease.

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Diseases of the pancreas have always bedevilled the diagnostic acumen of the physician. In recent years there have been many striking advances in our knowledge of how the gland works and in the development of new diagnostic procedures which have a particular relevance to this gland. These advances have been collated into a book by contributions from acknowledged experts in this field.

The book is a further edition of the 'Tutorials in Postgraduate Medicine' series. It has been divided into eight sections and there are 24 contributors. As well as covering the diagnostic and hormonal advances there are sections describing the normal function and control of the organ and an expanded one on pancreatitis. Emphasis has been placed on those areas of interest to the clinician and an effort is made to give diverging opinions where appropriate. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of needless repetition between chapters. One is left with the feeling that if the editors had spent more time in editing and less on editorial notes it would have helped.

The book is dominated by surgical contributors, especially so in the clinical section. Physicians may cavil at some of the points made on the management of complications traditionally in their domain. As with any multi-author book some chapters are less comprehensive than others and some are regrettably inadequately referenced for the audience for whom the book is intended. Nevertheless there are excellent treatises on many topics, which include the secretions of the pancreas and its clinical assessment, cystic fibrosis, new radiological techniques, and endoscopic pancreatography. Overall this book will be of interest to all clinicians as an exposition of the present state of the art.

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