Books

Real-time ultrasound imaging in the abdomen By M L Skolnick. (Pp. 241. Illustrated. US \$36.20.) DM & S Springer: Heidelberg. 1981.

This is an excellent book based on the author's experience in Pittsburgh.

As stated in the preface, 'diagnostic ultrasound is changing dramatically because of the development of a variety of high resolution real-time scanning instruments'. Thus it is very appropriate to review the present state of real-time.

The book gives a comprehensive account of the use of real-time ultrasound in the abdomen, excluding obstetrics and gynaecology, which are sensibly regarded as worthy of separate treatment. Also excluded is the adrenal gland, because of limited experience.

The subjects covered include the advantages of real-time imaging, with static scanning as a back-up, and a very helpful chapter on instrumentation. There is detailed consideration of scanning techniques and the relevant anatomy in each area, so that the book would be an excellent guide to anyone beginning real-time work. In fact, the wealth of information contained extends its value beyond real-time to the whole field of abdominal ultrasound.

There are detailed chapters on the kidney, liver and spleen, biliary system, pancreas, and retro-peritoneum. Needling of cysts and tumours under real-time control is described, as well as the help which ultrasound can give in antegrade pyelography and percutaneous nephrostomy.

The well-chosen illustrations of real-time images are clearly labelled and invariably of high quality. Throughout the book there are numerous excellent explanatory diagrams illustrating techniques and anatomy. This book can be confidently recommended to radiologists, radiographers, and physicists who are seeking a comprehensive account of abdominal real-time ultrasound and to the gastroenterologist who wishes to have a greater appreciation of its role and better understanding of the images presented to him.

The only irritation to the reader on this side of the Atlantic is the repeated use of the split infinitive!

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Books received

Psychological involvement in digestive endoscopy By R Cheli, G Schelotto, F Molinari, and E

Bovero. (Pp. 76; illustrated; £2.) Padova, Italy: Piccin Medical Books. 1981.

Cimetidine in the 80s Edited by J H Baron. (Pp. 285; illustrated; £16.) Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone. 1981.

Dietary fibre: progress towards the future Edited by I McClean Baird and M H Ornstein. (Pp. 99; illustrated; price not stated.) Manchester: Kellogg. 1981.

Electrolyte and water transport across gastrointestinal epithelia Edited by R Maynard Case, Andrew Garner, Leslie A Turnberg, and John A Young. (Pp. 316; illustrated; \$50.32.) New York, NY: Raven Press. 1982.

Alcohol and disease Edited by Sheila Sherlock. (Pp. 115; illustrated; £9.50.) Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone (for the British Council). 1982.

Disease and the environment Edited by A R Rees and H J Purcell. (Pp 206; illustrated; £13.50.) Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley. 1982.

Clinical research reviews 1981 Vol 1, Suppl 1. **Diarrhoea: new insights** Edited by N W Read. (Pp. 234; illustrated; price not stated.) Marlow, Bucks: Janssen Pharmaceuticals. 1981.

Cellular pacemakers. Vol 1. Mechanisms of pacemaker generation Edited by David O Carpenter. (Pp. 332; illustrated; £33.30.) Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley. 1982.

News

Henry L Bockus Medal

The Governing Council of Organisation Mondiale de Gastro-entérologie (OMGE) has decided to create a Henry L Bockus Medal to be given at the time of each World Congress to a gastroenterologist outstanding as a clinician and as a teacher. The first recipient of this medal, awarded at the 1982 World Congress of Gastroenterology in Stockholm, is Sir Francis Avery Jones CBE FRCP.

International Symposium on Operative Endoscopy Today

This symposium will be held 21, 22 October 1982, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, West Germany. Details from Scientific Secretariat, Frau Schatt, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Krankenhausstr. 12 in D-8520 Erlangen, West Germany.