organ. There follows concise subsections on each condition encountered, each subsection slavishly following the same pattern – definition, incidence, pathogenesis, symptoms, diagnosis, endoscopic appearances, and references – and each lavishly illustrated in colour. Generally the material is arranged so that at any opening of the book, the text is on the left page and the illustrations on the right, six to a page. All this makes it a very predictable book and very easy to use for rapid reference, which is further facilitated by the detailed contents list stretching for six and a half pages at the beginning of the book.

The colour illustrations are mainly of a high standard, with very few poor reproductions. The text suffers a little from being a translation, and contains some unfamiliar terms such as ‘orad’ and ‘aborad’. Unfortunately, for the English reader the majority of the references are in German. The final section on therapeutic endoscopy is disappointingly brief at only seven pages.

There is a remarkable amount of information packed into such a small book; one feels it should be four times as thick. Because of the style of layout it may make boring, repetitive reading after a while but it is an absolutely splendid reference book, which is precisely what it sets out to be. It will certainly be a most valuable addition to my library shelves.

BRIAN STERRY ASHBY


This nicely bound, rather expensive, publication is written by a number of endoscopy experts of international repute. The subject tackled is one of the growing points in endoscopy and in which important changes are taking place.

I found the book heavy going and in places difficult to understand. In certain sections the English is stilted to the European ear and certain of the chapters take too long to get to the point. Each chapter is preceded by the table of contents enabling the reader to quickly find the section he is interested in and this is of particular value in this book which is essentially a work of reference. The technical aspects of the book such as laser therapy and electrocoagulation are dealt with in considerable detail. The book discusses electro surgical principles, electrocoagulation, sclerotherapy of oesophageal varices, laser photocoagulation (experimental and clinical), the use of topical therapy and bleeding from the large intestine. The final chapter contains some helpful clinical descriptions of colonic pathology.

This is a useful book for individuals who wish to understand the technical background of the apparatus used in the endoscopic control of gastrointestinal hemorrhage. It also contains the results of clinical trials using these endoscopic methods. It is difficult to recommend its purchase at the price asked, and in a field where techniques are changing rapidly and where new clinical information is becoming available all the time.

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News

Important editorial announcement

LETTER OF DECLARATION

In line with the practice of other scientific journals and because of the apparently increasing number of multiple publication of the same data in the scientific literature, Gut will from now on require a written declaration, signed by all the authors, stating that the paper has not been published, or submitted for publication elsewhere, and that all the authors agree to publication in Gut. Previous presentation of the data at scientific meetings with subsequent publication in abstract form must be declared as well.

The British Digestive Foundation

The following awards are announced:

The Smith Kline & French Fellowship
To Dr Kumaravelu Balasubramaniam working with Dr T C Northfield at the Norman Tanner Gastroenterology Unit, St James’ Hospital, Balham, for research to determine the physiological role of lingual lipase in digestion in patients with pancreatic steatorrhoea due to adult cystic fibrosis.

The Amelie Waring Fellowships
The following fellowships, awarded last year for research into pancreatic disease, have been renewed for a further year: To Professor R M Case and Dr Joan Braganza (Manchester); Professor R C N Williamson (Bristol); Mr M J McMahon (Leeds).

BDF Grants
To Dr E S Debnam (Royal Free Hospital); Dr B Portmann (King’s College Medical School); Professor J E Lennard-Jones (London).