

which may cause ulcers in humans or experimental animals.

In volume 1 the gastroenterologist will find conventional reviews by the usual experts on physiology, H₂ blockers, old and new anticholinergics, antacids, carbenoxolone, prostaglandins, zinc, and bismuth.

It is always difficult enough to choose the contributors to a multi-author book, and even more difficult to ensure they cover the necessary topics without overlap. Unfortunately in volume 1 the same drug and therapy may be described in detail in different chapters, yet other anti-ulcer treatments are largely (amylopectin, pepstatin, sucralphate, sulphuride, trimipramine) or completely (acetazolamide, anisotropine, benzimidazoles, beta₂ adrenergic agents, deglycyrrhizinated liquorice, gefarnate, metoclopramide, oestrogens, pifarnine, proglumide, secretin, trithiozine) ignored.

Volume 2 has similar problems of selectivity so that the chapter on experimental duodenal ulcer is almost entirely devoted to one particular model favoured by its authors, the cysteamine type.

Within these limitations the ulcerologist with \$180 to spend will find in these slim volumes useful reviews of topical problems on the production and healing of ulcers by drugs.

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Books received

Glucagon in gastroenterology and hepatology. Pharmacological, clinical and therapeutic implications Edited by J Picazo. (Pp. 203; illustrated; £14.95.) Lancaster: MTP Press Ltd, 1982.

Inflammatory bowel disease. Experience and controversy Edited by B I Korelitz. (Pp. 237; illustrated; Dfl. 125.) The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers BV, 1982.

Inflammatory bowel diseases Edited by D Rachmilewitz. (Pp. 308; illustrated; Dfl. 110.) The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers BV, 1982.

Controversies in acute pancreatitis Edited by L F Hollender. (Pp. 344; illustrated; \$43.60.) Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag, 1982.

Noveno seminario sobre amibiasis. Archivos de investigacion medica Edited by Bernardo Sepulveda. (Pp. 326; illustrated; price not stated.) Mexico: Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social, 1982.

News

The British Digestive Foundation (Scottish Appeal)

The Foundation invites applications from workers in Scottish Institutions who wish support for research work related to any aspects of normal or disordered structure and function of the alimentary tract. A wide variety of forms of support will be considered ranging from that required for apparatus or reagents, to Fellowships. There is no requirement that applicants be medically qualified.

Applications should be submitted before 15 September, 1983; application forms can be obtained from: The Secretary, The British Digestive Foundation (Scottish Appeal), 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.

Increase in size of *Gut*

We are pleased to announce that starting with this issue the size of the journal will be increased by eight pages.

Opioid Peptides in Periphery

The physiological role of the opioid peptides in periphery will be the main topic of this symposium to be held in Rome, 23–25 May 1984. Further details from the Organising Secretary, APE, via Giorgio Vasari 4, 00196, Rome, Italy.

Correction

Re *Gut* 1983; **24**: A459 and A493.

The following papers:

T1: Assessment of gastro-oesophageal collateral veins in portal hypertension by means of endoscopic ultrasonography. G Caletti, L Bolondi, V Arienti, E Brocchi, S Testa, M Ferrentino, L Zani, A Passaniti, and G Lobo
and

F36: Staging of gastric cancer by means of endoscopic ultrasonography. G Caletti, L Bolondi, E Brocchi, P Casanova, L Zani, S Gaiani, S Testa, G Guizzardi, and G Lobo
although selected for the BSG Programme were not presented or discussed at the meeting.