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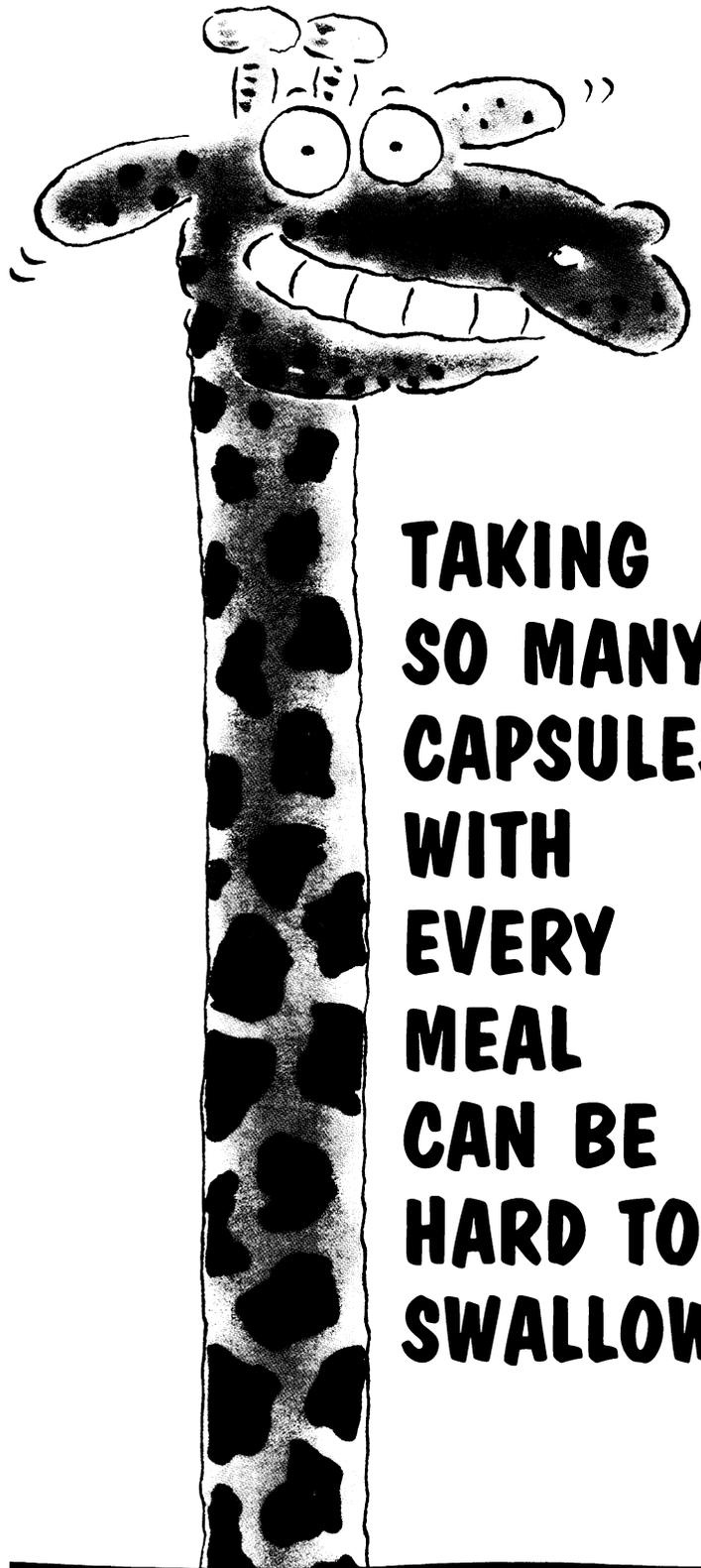
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Do not be misled by the title. Buy this book and you will be updated not only on the stomach but also cephalad to gastro-oesophageal reflux disease and caudad to the duodenum. This range and grouping is sensible: perhaps the next edition could borrow my 1981 neologism 'Foregut'.

Of the 36 authors, 26 come from the three countries of the editors – Sweden (5), Britain (10), and the USA (11). The others are from Finland, Germany, Italy, Canada and The Netherlands. But even a Scottish publisher should know that Ulm is in Germany, not Sweden.

The seven scientific chapters are excellent, polished from similar reviews elsewhere. But I had problems with many of the clinical chapters. The preface claims, boldly and I believe correctly, three major advances in stomach disorders – the major cause of gastritis is *Helicobacter pylori* whose eradication prevents ulcer recurrence and 'cures' the disease; endoscopic haemostasis is effective; the proton pump inhibitor has for the first time made achlorhydria available as a practical therapy. Alas, not all the authors, or even the editors, accept these theses. The reader suffers from overlap with repetition, contradiction, omission or inadequate advice on how to eradicate *H pylori*, how to stop bleeding endoscopically, and how to use omeprazole in gastro-oesophageal reflux disease and ulcers.

Perhaps publishers of such books should choose one editor who writes none of the chapters but selects authors for their wisdom not their nationality and ensures the reader is educated into a better informed decision maker.

JH BARON

Pocket consultant. Gastroenterology. By S P L Travis, R H Taylor, J J Misiewicz. (Pp 425; illustrated; £14.95.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific, 1991.

This splendid little book aims to provide a practical background in gastroenterology for junior hospital staff on the wards, in clinics, and for family doctors in their surgeries. The aims are very well met, although better met for hospital staff than for family doctors I fancy.

It is not so little at that. There are 369 pages with 13 chapters including separate chapters on alimentary emergencies, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, nutrition, procedures and investigations, as well as standard chapters on organ oriented disease. There are 16 pages of useful information (addresses and telephone numbers of drug information services throughout the UK, hospice information services, and patient support groups, etc), a reading list and even a prototype record sheet for patients with IBD. Each chapter is well laid out, user friendly and well endowed with tables, algorithms, illustrative x rays with explanatory line drawings and diagrams.

Topics are presented in a robust, distinctive fashion with commendable emphasis on decision making. The approach to each major

problem includes clinical diagnosis (how patients present, what to look for, what to ask), how diagnosis can be confirmed (what investigations are required, in what order and what information they may provide), management principles including medical and surgical options, drug treatments (which drug, how much, for how long, expected benefits, and possible side effects), what clinical events to expect or look out for, and what outcomes to be expected; factual background information is provided to help in 'explaining' a disease to the patient or relatives. The advice throughout is clear, helpful, and unambiguous, and though perforce dogmatic, reflects generally accepted opinions.

There are some unimportant nits to pick. The book was in press before omeprazole was licensed for long term use, so that its importance in the long term management of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease is not credited; there is no reference that I can see to the effects of sulphasalazine on male fertility, and pancreatic insufficiency appears to be credited as the commonest cause of steatorrhoea (surely not?).

More importantly, the value of psychiatry/psychotherapy or even plain counselling in the management of functional gastrointestinal disorders gets little attention. But this is a very good buy, a vade-mecum, and valuable support resource for our juniors. Every unit should have a copy, and membership candidates would do well to use it for revision. Family doctors will find it helpful, for occasional reference.

G P CREAN

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