
There are a number of questions that a book reviewer has to address before getting very far into it. Undoubtedly, the most obvious will be to determine to what extent the author – but far more probably these days, the authors – succeed in attracting their (usually declared) intended readership. Life becomes more tricky when the preface manages to escape without explaining at whom the book is directed.

Rhodes and Tsai have tried 'to structure this book according to clinical problems as the authors believe many trainees and patients that present with 'clinical syndrome. This book will succeed to determine to what extent the authors cannot...'

... 'More matter of less art'.

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The intestine is one of the most rapidly renewing tissues in the body and therefore the body...'

BARRY JACKSON

Notes

Liver disease

The XXII International Update on Liver Disease will be held at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London on 10–12 July 1997. Further details from: Professor Neil McIntyre, University Department of Medicine, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG. Tel: 0171 794 0500 ext: 3969; Fax: 0171 830 2321.

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The 6th United European Gastroenterology Week will be held on 18–23 October 1997 in Birmingham, United Kingdom. Further information from: Concorde Services Ltd, 10 Wendell Road, London W12 9RT, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 181 743 3106, Fax: +44 181 743 1010.