

Boekresensies

HEALTH ASSESSMENT

deur L. Malasonos, V. Barkauskas, M. Moss and K. Stoltenberg-Allen (C.V. Mosby Co., Saint Louis, 1977)

'n Uitstekende boek vir alle praktisyne wat die vaardighede moet leer wat hulle in staat sal stel om 'n gesondheidstoestand te evalueer, 'n gesondheidsgeskiedenis te verkry en 'n fisiese ondersoek te doen. Die boek sal veral van waarde wees vir praktisyne wat hulle voorberei om in 'n primêre sorgsituasie te werk of reeds daarin werk en voorkeur aan gesondheidsinstandhouding verleen.

Die boek is so saamgestel dat dit die student lei om die persoon in totaliteit te evalueer terwyl goeie gesondheidspraktyk en siekte-oorsaak in gedagte gehou word, en om 'n plan vir gesondheidsorg en onderrig vir die individu volgens sy besondere behoeftes en omstandighede te ontwerp.

Die logiese opeenvolging van stappe wat 'n bedrewe praktisyne uitvoer om 'n geldige evaluasie te verkry, word sistematies deur die skrywers verduidelik, en daardeur word 'n algemene beeld gegee voordat elke liggaamstelsel afsonderlik evalueer word. Bowendien word die tegniek van rekord hou, die voer van onderhoude, en neem van geskiedenis, direkte inspeksie en inspeksie met behulp van instrumente sowel as die betrokke instrumente (stetoskoop, oroskoop, stoskoop, ens.) beskryf.

Hoewel die boek duur is, sal dit 'n leeftyd hou en die praktisyne in staat stel om werklik primêresorg te lewer. As u dit nie kan koop nie, behoort u dit ten minste te lees.

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A CLINICAL MANUAL: GESTATIONAL AGE OF THE NEWBORN

by Dubowitz & Dubowitz (Addison-Wesley Publishing Co.).

The book gives a detailed description of the actual method of assessing the gestational age of the newborn, using a combined score of neurological and external characteristics. A book to be used in the clinical situation where the "Dubowitz Count" has become standard practice.

The excellent photographs and drawings make the text simple and easy to understand. For those interested, the background programme of study and investigation of numerous newborn infants is included to make the conclusive test more appreciable.

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occasional patient in cardiogenic shock may be considered for transplantation and for this purpose the balloon pump may be used to "hold" the circulation until a donor can be obtained.

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Book Reviews

THE CARE AND TRAINING OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

by Charles H. Hallas, William I. Fraser, Ronald C. MacGillivray (John Wright & Sons Ltd., Bristol) 6th Ed. 1978

This hardcovered book encompasses the vast sphere of the mentally handicapped in all aspects of care and training in a sensible way and with a sensitive approach.

The introductory chapters include the history and changing views on the care of the handicapped, as well as methods of assessment. A classification of the clinical varieties of mental handicap is included and the physical, social, learning, communication and other problems are discussed in detail.

The appendix covers legal aspects of mental subnormality, the Mental Health (Scotland) Act, 1960 and psychological tests commonly used in the field of mental handicap. The index is complete and simple to use.

This book may benefit all people involved in the care and training of the mentally handicapped, including the parents of such children. It can only be an asset to libraries in nursing schools.

R.H.B.

ORAL MANIFESTATIONS OF INHERITED DISORDERS

deur Heddie O. Sedano, John J. Sauk and Robert Gorlin (Butterworth Publishers Inc., U.S.A., 1977)

Dié hardebandboek met papier van hoë gehalte "is bedoel vir professionele persone wat in misvormingsindrome en oorgeërfde siektetoestande belang stel en miskien nie oor uitvoerige kennis van die mondholte en die maontlike veranderinge daarin by oorgeërfde sindrome beskik nie."

Die skrywers begin met genetiese raadgewing en gaan voort om op maklik leesbare wyse al die maontlike sistemiese oorgeërfde siektetoestande wat die verskillende dele van die mondholte affekteer te beskryf. By al die toestande is daar duidelike X-straalfoto's en afbeeldings asook verwysings. 'n Woordelys van dentale terme is ingesluit en die indeks is baie gedetailleerd.

Dosente sal dit 'n nuttige naslaanwerk vind, maar op die gebied van verpleging sal dit eintlik van nut wees vir dié wat met genetiese beraad gemeed is.

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