
Professor H. Spencer, the distinguished master of lung pathology, presents the second edition of his monograph which has been to account for progress in understanding of lung pathology and for newly described diseases. Prof. A. A. Liebow has written the foreword.

The book starts with a condensed exposition of the development and the normal structure of the lung. The author has made an attempt to include views derived from electron microscopic studies; unfortunately, some of the interpretations given are not substantiated by adequate data, and the reproduction of the electron micrographs is not optimal.

The presentation of disease entities is divided into 22 chapters dealing with congenital malformations, diseases of the bronchi, pneumonias and other infectious diseases, lung tumors, as well as several smaller chapters on miscellaneous topics. The subject of pulmonary tuberculosis is purposely not dealt with. The book ends with an appendix on various special methods used in the study of lung pathology.

The monograph is evidently conceived as a reference book, each chapter or sub-chapter being written in closed form. Several hundred illustrations, mostly photographs and light micrographs with few electron micrographs, document the essential changes described. Of greatest value is certainly the extensive bibliography which includes about 2,500 entries reaching up to 1966, although the last years are incompletely covered, which is probably unavoidable in a book of that volume and scope considering the delays between completion of the manuscript and publication.

The clear and systematic arrangement of the many small chapters and subchapters together with the alphabetic index at the end will help the pathologist to rapidly pick the information required out of the wealth of material compiled in this impressive book. E. R. Weibel, Bern