Book Review


Within the last decades complications in diabetes mellitus have found increasing interests from various aspects. This book on diabetic angiopathy deals with clinical experiences on 25,000 patients, experimental approaches on the basis of biopsies and a survey of the literature up to 1971. In a chapter on epidemiological problems in diabetes mellitus the frequency of dyslipemias is stressed by impressing numbers of the Bucharest clinic. In another chapter the author describes pathological alterations in angiopathy of different organs, studied especially by electron microscopy. Short surveys are given here on diabetic angiopathy of the muscular system, digestive tract and the skin. The possible pathogenetic mechanisms involved such as lipids, growth hormone, ACTH, corticosteroids and epi-nephrine are discussed at length. The best part of the book appears to be the chapters on the ocular and renal angiopathy. Here one finds the author’s ample experiences and conclusions. The chapter on macroangiopathy contains already well-known information. The therapeutic proposals referring for instance to the use of calcium-containing drugs and/or hypophysec-tomy are little convincing. The statements on coronary insufficiency in children and on diabetic myocardosis are unproven. The quality of production is good, the clarity of the drawings and photographs could be better. In summary, this book can be recommended to clinical diabetologists, endocrinologists and internists especially interested in angiopathy. It is by no means an introduction into the field of diabetic angiopathy.

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Erratum

Physicians Associated for Continuing Education in cooperation with The Johns Hopkins University and The University of Basel presents an International Conference on Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Basel, Switzerland, March 7-10, 1977

This conference will now take place in March 7-10, 1977, and not, as first published in Digestion, vol. 14, No. 3, pp. 290-292, 1976, in December 6-9, 1976.

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