Conditioning Factors for Cardiac Necroses

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Foreword

The concept of conditioning factors for cardiac necroses has received a great impetus through the systematic investigations of Doctor Eörs Bajusz. He has explored this field for many years with considerable assiduity and originality, not only contributing numerous new observations, but also novel and stimulating interpretations of
the observed facts.
The view that certain diseases are dependent upon the simultaneous presence of various factors is not a new one. Many instances of it came to light before we began to speak of "pluricausal diseases". However, the experimental investigations described in this monograph have contributed a great deal to illustrate the manifold mechanisms through which pluricausal diseases can develop and opened the way to further research, not only on experimental animals, but also in clinical medicine.
The bulk of the work before us was performed in this Institute and formed the basis of the author’s Ph. D. thesis. However, many interesting additional experiments on related subjects were carried out by the author in his new position at the Department of Pathology of our University. These most recent findings are described in the form of an addendum, which brings the reader right up to date regarding the status of our knowledge concerning the role of conditioning factors upon the development of cardiac necroses.
In view of the ever increasing interest both among basic-research men and clinicians in the biochemical mechanism responsible for cardiac necroses, I believe that many readers will welcome the appearance of this carefully documented and stimulating monograph.

Hans Selye

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