

FILM REVIEWS

"The Healing of Wounds." 16mm Colour and Sound. Running time 18 minutes. Smith and Nephew Ltd. Medical Information Department, Welwyn Garden City, 1965.

On 14th January, 1965, Smith and Nephew Ltd., gave a preview of their latest film "The Healing of Wounds" which was made at the Mount Vernon Centre for Plastic Surgery, Northwood. The film gives a description of the natural process of wound repair and of the principles of treatment to facilitate healing. Stress is laid on the importance of gentleness in handling wound edges and on meticulous care in suturing. The method of removing skin sutures and of achieving skin cover by grafting are also shown.

The producers and the surgeons are to be congratulated on their straightforward presentation. The film will be an excellent teaching aid for surgical and nursing tutors. A handy booklet of explanatory notes accompanies the film, to help both teacher and student. It can be obtained on loan.

J. M. MATHESON

"Hypertension—The Selection of Patients for Treatment." 16mm Black and White and Sound. Running time 23 minutes. The Pfizer Group, Sandwich, December, 1964.

The film takes the form of a patient presenting to his General Practitioner and then following him to hospital. The question of investigation and treatment is portrayed as a sequence of teaching ward rounds and discussions between the consultant, registrar and General Practitioner.

A difficult subject is put over very well and the sponsor avoids advertising any particular form of treatment. The recommended investigations are given in full including aortography, but the impression is left that this particular test is an inescapable one, despite the lack of facilities in most hospitals.

In discussion after the film was over, it was pointed out that it was designed for showing to General Practitioners, but investigation and treatment would be moderated according to the opinion of the local Consultant Physicians dealing with hypertension and that they would be able to put their views at the time this film was shown.

Generally my impression was that the film would perform a good service to those to whom it was directed, from the point of view of refreshing the mind on diagnosis and the grades of essential hypertension requiring treatment.

A. K. DAVIES

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An Outline of Pulmonary Function and Pulmonary Emphysema. E. ROSENMAN. Springfield, Ill: Charles C. Thomas, 1964. Pp. xii + 137. \$6.50.

The author of this book presents his material in three parts, Part I contains the principles of pulmonary physiology with their application in pulmonary function and function tests. Part II devotes itself to the abnormal pulmonary physiology of emphysema with a short account of the treatment of the condition. Part III a review of the whole subject material contained in Parts I and II.

There is no doubt that this field is a difficult one but the author does not achieve his object of producing a readily assimilable outline of modern pulmonary function tests for the general physician.

I. MICHIE

The Temporo-Mandibular Joint. 2nd Edition. B. G. SARNAT. Springfield, Ill: Charles C. Thomas, 1964. Pp. xxi + 260. Illustrated. \$12.50.

The 2nd Edition of the original monograph under the same title has been considerably enlarged in scope, and of course brought up to date. It now represents the combined efforts of nine eminent American teachers and clinicians, and presents a comprehensive account of modern thinking on the pathology and treatment of temporo-mandibular joint disorders, as well as giving a clear picture, in the newly included chapters of the evolution and embryological development of this complicated structure.

It might well be thought that a publication running to 260 pages concerned only with one joint must contain considerable "padding," but this is not so, largely because the various authors have treated their subject in its proper perspective, not as a single joint, but as a system of joints, teeth and other structures concerned with the functions of mastication and speech.

It is well written, copiously illustrated and indexed and has more than the usual number of references to British publications than many American works. Naturally of greater interest to surgeons and dentists, it would repay reading by any medical practitioner in view of the increasing number of patients presenting with temporo-mandibular joint symptoms.

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