

BOOK REVIEW

MODERN TREATMENT YEAR BOOK 1961

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Get yourself a distinguished editor, let him choose thirty-one contributors of merit, let each one write on a subject from his own practice, preferably one which has been affected by modern improvements in treatment, print with clear type on good paper, add diagrams and pictures where necessary, bind to form an attractive book. Yearly for many years the Medical Press of London has used this formula with success to produce the Modern Treatment Year Book, a success they have repeated for 1961.

Three quarters of the book is concerned with common conditions likely to be met with in out-patient departments and in a general practitioner's daily experience. Articles give clear advice and reasoning designed to help the doctor in dealing, for examples, with staphylococcal skin infections, skin warts and naevi, catarrh, psychosomatic disorders in childhood, colonic obstruction, oral treatment of diabetes mellitus and conjunctivitis. These are conditions which are common and whose treatment can be rewarding to the patient and very satisfying to the doctor when carried out correctly.

Contributions on less common conditions round off the contents of the book. We find in this category accounts of polycythaemia vera, congenital anomalies of the alimentary tract, and hyperthyroidism.

Taken as a whole the book holds our interest and painlessly instructs. It is a pleasure to have this year's edition and to recommend it to others.

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