

*Davey and Lightbodys 'The Control of Disease in the Tropics'*  
5th edition, revised by David Stevenson, H.K. Lewis & Co. London, 1987.

This is a revised edition of the book after a lapse of 16 years, during which time much has changed in the world and in knowledge and ideas about the control of disease. Smallpox has been eliminated as an endemic disease and new diseases have appeared or been identified including AIDS and new patterns of disease have occurred. Both the original authors of the book are no more. The book was originally based on the lectures on the subject given at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

This edition provides a clear and stimulating account of the control of tropical diseases with an emphasis on practical management. The book has taken into account the major advances that have occurred in tropical medicine.

The diseases dealt with have been selected mainly on the grounds that they are either essentially endemic and of considerable economic importance or because they have serious epidemic potentialities. Diseases have been arranged in groups according to mode of transmission and the circumstances which govern mans exposure to infection.

The book is divided into thirty five chapters with various diseases conveniently grouped. The text, neither all inclusive nor too brief, has been written in a simple lucid style. It provides a concise, yet authoritative guide for medical practitioners with public health responsibilities in tropical countries. It has well designed charts and tables and a good bibliography. It is designed to provide comprehensive, relevant and convenient information.

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