

BOOK REVIEWS

PRINCIPLES OF CHEST X-RAY DIAGNOSIS. By GEORGE SIMON (Ed.). Toronto: Butterworth & Co (Canada) Ltd. 2nd ed. 1962.

THE SECOND EDITION is slightly larger than the original volume marketed in 1956, it retains the concise and welcome pattern of description of the radiographic lesion, then its interpretation. This book is, according to its author, intended for the student radiologist and clinician interested in chest disease. It is an outstanding contribution, beautifully illustrated with 200 radiographic prints of the highest quality, and the easily read precise text reflecting the extensive experience and knowledge of a foremost authority in diagnostic radiology. The author does his readers a service by including, precisely, the pertinent clinical detail, such as respiratory function tests, biopsy confirmation where available, and other laboratory information. Brief but adequate technical data and diagrams add to the clarity of the presentation, for example in the special techniques listed in the 10-page appendix and in chapters 9 and 10 on bronchography and tomography.

No text will satisfy all readers and in the reviewer's opinion, the limitations are inconsequential. First this is not intended as a complete treatise on chest disease. Secondly, because of the number of illustrations they cannot all be arranged in direct continuity with the description, and the reader must therefore refer frequently to other pages. Thirdly, the references listed are limited, but, as the author notes in the Acknowledgments, these are only the key to certain works which themselves will refer to the work of others on the particular subject.

This book is highly recommended to all concerned with pulmonary diseases.

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