

BOOK REVIEWS

FLUID AND ELECTROLYTES IN PRACTICE. By HARRY STATLAND. Second edition. Montreal: J. B. Lippincott Co. \$6.00.

THIS BOOK represents a very successful attempt to steer the suspicious novice through the complex waters of fluid and electrolyte balance. It is written in a straightforward manner and contains sufficient information for the trainee anaesthetist, without losing him in a morass of detail. For those interested in further reading, there is a bibliography of over 200 references—although these are not cross-indexed with the text.

The chapter on “Acid-Base Balance” is not adequate for the anaesthetist, the interrelations between metabolic and respiratory circumstances being sketchily handled with no mention of the diagrammatic representation of such parameters, for instance.

Perhaps an unusual feature in such texts, there is a satisfactory balance in the discussion between “surgical” and “medical” disorders—with the emphasis on the latter. As a how-to-do-it guide it appears very satisfactory.

Over-all, this book is highly recommended.

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