The quality of colour graphics and helpful text summary panels is improved by several new illustrations. (Interestingly, Jacqui Elliot's balanced and thoughtful chapter on nursing care has lost its picture of a matronly district nurse replete with sensible shoes, hat, and Morris Minor, in favour of a more up market member of the London Lighthouse Nursing Team sporting flowing hair and complete absence of uniform. Obviously things other than medical technology have changed in the last four years!)

Unusually for a more conventional medical textbook, two chapters are devoted to personal descriptions of being HIV positive and having AIDS and, perhaps most interestingly from point of view of the intended readership, reflections about receiving medical care for these conditions. These sections, by Jonathan Grimshaw and Terry Madeley respectively, were, for me, still memorable when matters relating to ELISA and drug half lives had faded from mind.

This book remains probably the best available introduction to HIV/AIDS from a health care perspective, and is significantly improved in its second edition. Highly recommended!

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NOTICES

The Third European Health Services Research Meeting will be held at University College London on 13-14 December 1991. The meeting is organised in cooperation with NIVEL (Netherlands Institute of Primary Health Care) and will cover wide ranging topics in the fields of health policy and health care.

The 4th International Symposium on Hypertension in the Community will take place in Jerusalem, Israel, on March 8-12 1992. Abstracts by December 1. For further information, write to: 4th International Symposium, PO Box 50006, 61500 Tel Aviv, Israel.

The Society for the Study of Human Biology will hold a symposium on Seasonality and human ecology in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, UK, on April 9 and 10, 1992. Further information from: Dr S J Ulissiak, Department of Biological Anthropology, University of Cambridge, Downing St, Cambridge CB2 3DZ; tel 0223 333535.


The 22nd National Congress and 1st European Meeting of Industrial Medical Officers will take place in Nantes, France, on June 2-5 1992. Special themes will be: Occupational medicine and the environment; Health, aging and work; and Occupational dermatosis of chemical origin. Further information from Dr Gendreau, Medicale du Travail, 2 rue Linne - BP 789, 44029 Nantes Cedex 04, France.

An International congress for Infectious Diseases will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, on June 7-11, 1992. Abstracts are required by February 1 1992. Further details from the conference secretariat: WKV, c/o Interconvention, A-1450 Vienne, Austria (fax 43-1 2369 648).

The First International Conference on Dietary Assessment Methods, "Assessing diets to improve world health", will take place in St Paul, Minnesota, USA, on September 20-23, 1992. Final date for receipt of abstracts January 15, 1992. For further information contact Department of Professional Development and Conference Services, 210 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Drive SE, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455-0139, USA; tel 612 625-3451; fax 612 626-1632.


The 24th International Congress on Occupational Health will take place in Nice, France, on September 26-October 1 1993. The aims of the congress are to bring together professionals in occupational medicine from around the world and to promote the development of scientific knowledge in the field. For further information contact: C O 24 France, 'Les Miroirs', Cedex 27, 92096 Paris La Defense, France. Tel 33-1 47 62 33 70; Fax 33-1 47 62 31 53.

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