

**AESTHETIC RHINOPLASTY.** By JACK H. SHEEN, M.D. Pp. vii + 608, with 1,080 illustrations. (St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company, 1978.) Price £55.00.

The author, who is Assistant Clinical Professor in Plastic Surgery in the University of California, Los Angeles, sets out in the preface his intention to convey his personal approach to aesthetic rhinoplasty. He does so in a beautifully illustrated and informative way. His concept that the basic principles for rhinoplasty are so important to the understanding and, therefore, the surgery of the nose has produced a first section on anatomy and physiology that should be compulsory reading for all trainees. The later sections of the book illustrate his technique for treating both the straightforward and the problem nose and will be of interest to every surgeon who wishes to improve his rhinoplasty results.

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**SURGERY OF THE RHEUMATOID HAND, A PRACTICAL MANUAL.** By F. V. NICOLLE and R. A. DICKSON. First edition. Pp. ix + 166 with 105 figures and 20 tables. (London: William Heinemann Medical Books Limited, 1979.) Price £21.00.

This practical manual is a most enjoyable volume. It is concise and well laid out. The text is easy to read and the simple illustrations are excellent. Tables are used to emphasise important points in the text and the stages of operative technique are taken step by step and accompanied by the relevant drawings.

It is divided into two main sections. The first deals with general principles and the second with surgical indications and techniques. Inevitably the authors' own contributions to the management of rheumatoid hand problems are given ample airing in each part; for example, objective methods of assessment and replacement arthroplasty of the metacarpophalangeal joints, but this does not detract from the book's value for most other aspects of modern assessment and treatment are mentioned. There are also useful summaries of several current concepts relating to such difficult subjects as ulnar drift and replacement arthroplasty and each chapter is followed by tables of references which by themselves will be very useful to those wishing to revise or read more widely on the subject.

The first section starts with a very general opening chapter on aetiology, diagnosis and medical treatment. This is followed by chapters on the objectives of surgery, assessment and rehabilitation. Finally there are two useful chapters on surgical technique and regional anaesthesia. The whole of the first section comprises a very basic background to the disease and its surgical management and is followed by a second section on more specific details of surgical technique. The hand surgeon will find this section very useful. The surgical management of the disease is dealt with in various concise parts. There are sections on the joints of the wrist including extensor tendons, fingers and thumb and the authors conclude with chapters on the flexor tendons and nerves.

Each chapter contains details of the indications for surgery and then the various operations are described step by step with the aid of diagrams. Not only will the hand surgeon find this a useful, practical manual, but the book will also be of value to all those who are involved with the treatment of rheumatoid hands and physicians, physiotherapists and occupational therapists should all benefit. Considering its size and content, this book is very reasonably priced by current standards.

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**TUMOURS OF THE HEAD AND NECK.** By JOHN G. BATSAKIS. Second edition. Pp. 573 with 304 illustrations and 46 tables. (Baltimore: The Williams & Wilkins Co., 1979.) Price \$50.75 (approx. £34.00).

Those who are familiar with the first edition of this outstanding book will need no encouragement to lay hands on the second edition, and to others it is warmly and unreservedly recommended. The second edition has followed five years after the first. The difference in the text between these two editions makes one uncomfortably aware of the colossal growth in the number of recorded facts, discoveries and theories in the field of tumours and tumour-like lesions of the head and neck. The author writes with feeling, and the text is stamped with his personality and carries the authority of his vast experience.

The clinico-pathological classifications of tumours conform to the most modern nomenclature advocated by the Joint Committees on staging and reporting of end results. In general the presentation is divided according to tissue types rather than anatomical sites. Chapters cover tumours of the salivary gland, carcinoma of the varying epithelial surfaces, tumours of the peripheral nervous system, secondary tumours, melanomas and lymphoreticular disorders. Four extra chapters have been added covering Wegener's Granulomatosis and Midline (Nonhealing) "Granuloma"; Immunological Considerations in Head and Neck Cancer; Cysts, sinuses and "Coeles"; and Odontogenic Lesions. At the end of each chapter, there is extensive and carefully compiled bibliography.

Fresh material covering new ground has been added to excellent sections from chapters of the first edition. Reference alone to one chapter, that on major salivary glands, will illustrate this point. The text is almost doubled in length, and these additions not only cover recent advances, in particular the value of electron microscopy as a diagnostic feature, but the surgical anatomy of the facial nerve, facial nerve paralysis, clinical staging, and the indications for radiotherapy. Thus this chapter covers information which an experienced pathologist, surgeon, and radiotherapist need to know concerning the probable