



BOOK REVIEWS

Guidelines for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections

WHO. Pp. vii + 91. Illustrated. Sw.fr.20./US\$18. WHO. 2003. ISBN 92-4-154626-3. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R165, members R150.)

This WHO manual promotes the syndromic approach to managing sexually transmitted infections. The background to this approach is comprehensively covered and it is up to date. It will appeal to programme managers, for whom it is intended. Clinicians should rather obtain the Department of Health guidelines, which have outstanding colour illustrations and give regimens relevant to South Africa.

Evidence-based Infectious Diseases

Edited by Mark Loeb, Marek Smieja and Fiona Small. Pp. xiii + 304. £55. BMJ. 2004. ISBN 0-7270-160-2. Includes free CD Rom. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R790, members R715.)

This book is an outstanding contribution to clinical infectious diseases. It is one of a series of *BMJ* books on evidence-based medicine. The editors are from Mc Master University, which is arguably the birthplace of the evidence-based movement that has profoundly changed the face of modern medicine. Their introductory chapter is a superb overview of evidence-based medicine. A case-based approach is used, focusing on common disorders. The evidence underlying important diagnostic and therapeutic decisions is superbly presented. This book would enrich the practice of any clinicians who manage infectious disease. It should be on the shelves of all medical libraries. It will appeal particularly to clinical and microbiology registrars and specialists. It is not comprehensive enough to replace standard textbooks on infectious diseases, but is a valuable companion. Highly recommended.

Professor Gary Maartens

Books Received

The receipt of these books is acknowledged, and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the sender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits. The SAMJ does not publish unsolicited reviews.

Evaluation of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants. WHO Technical Report Series 922. Sixty-first report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives. Pp.vii + 176. Sw.fr.35./US\$31.50. WHO. 2004. ISBN 92-4-120922-4. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R195, members R175.)

Dyspepsia. Second edition. Fastfacts FF – Indispensable Guides to Clinical Practice. By Kenneth L Koch and Michael J Lancaster Smith. Pp. 100. Illustrated. £15. Health Press Limited. 2003. ISBN 1-903734-19-3. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R260, members R235.)

Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease. WHO Technical Report Series 923. Report of a WHO Expert Consultation Geneva, 20 October - 1 November 2001. Pp. vii + 122. Sw.fr. 23/US\$20.70. WHO. 2004. ISBN 92-4-120923-2. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R120, members R105.)

Globe Status Report. Alcohol Policy. WHO. Pp. 209. CHF 60/US\$54. WHO. 2004. ISBN 92-4-158035-6. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R320, members R285.)

Policy Recommendations for Smoking Cessation and Treatment of Tobacco Dependence. WHO. Pp xxix + 76. US\$40.50. WHO. 2003. ISBN 92-4-156240-4. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R499, members R450.)

HIV and Infant Feeding. A Guide for Health-care Managers and Supervisors. WHO. Pp. vii + 78. US\$18. WHO. 2003. ISBN 92-4-159123-4. (Available from SAMA-HMPG. Price R84, members R75.)

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IN MEMORIAM

Muriel Bamford Richter



The difficulty in writing an obituary for this most exceptional lady – in every sense of the word – is not so much in deciding what to write as in what to omit. Born in Grahamstown in 1926 and schooled at Victoria Girls' High School, she interrupted her first year at Rhodes University to serve with the South African Defence Force Special Signals

Radar Section – certainly a signal that this was no ordinary freshette.

After her war service she graduated from Wits Medical School in 1950, this being only the beginning of her thirst for medical knowledge as between the years 1967 and 1986 she was awarded four further diplomas in Public Health, Industrial Health, Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and Health Service Management from UCT, Dundee (Scotland) and Wits respectively.