

*Fluids and Electrolytes* includes a substantial number of references. The entire book is liberally illustrated with tables and figures. It can be recommended both for the nephrologist and other medical subspecialist and should also be useful to the surgical specialist.

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**Speaking and Writing for the Physician**, by Lynn T. Staheli, New York, Raven Press, 1985, 78 pp, \$11.50.

This handy little paperback is designed for the young physician contemplating his or her first paper or lecture. The book is divided into three sections: medical writing, lecturing, and photography. The first section is an important overview of how editorial offices work and has plenty of advice regarding data collection, scientific and literary preparation, peer

review, steps to publication, and some solid information about the leading journals of the United States. The lecture circuit gets equal attention, and a fine section dealing with medical photography and equipment is offered for those who have to prepare their own slides.

The book suffers from a rather curious omission, however: Nothing is said about copyright and the need to obtain written permission to use the work of other writers, especially tables and figures. Also, approximately nine of this small book's 78 pages are taken up with amateurish cartoons that do nothing whatever to advance the author's intent.

All in all, this is a fine effort, and Dr. Staheli leaves little to chance: Young physicians are advised to wear decent attire when lecturing and to lock up expensive equipment at night.

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