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PARASITIC INFECTIONS IN THE COMPROMISED HOST

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Parasitic infections can no longer be considered medical curiosities in the United States and have assumed increasing importance in patients with AIDS and other patients immunosuppressed due to malignancy, corticosteroids, or cytotoxic chemotherapy.

The editors and contributors are eminent and well-recognized authorities in the field. The text begins with a timely discussion of host defense mechanisms and the types of infections to which patients with selected defects in immunity are predisposed. Host defense against protozoal and helminthic parasites are discussed in separate chapters. The remainder of the book deals with specific infections, including toxoplasmosis, cryptosporidiosis, giardiasis, amebiasis, strongyloidiasis, and pneumocystosis. Each of these latter chapters begins with a comprehensive discussion of the organism, its mechanism of pathogenesis, and the host immune response to the parasite. The life cycle and epidemiology of infection are also discussed in detail. The latter portion of each chapter is devoted to the clinical syndromes, diagnosis, and therapy for each respective infection. Each chapter is extraordinarily complete, well referenced, and comprehensive. The authors successfully integrated a great deal of basic science with clinical aspects of the respective diseases. Although the book's title suggests that the emphasis is on syndromes in the immunocompromised host, this is not the case. A reasonably complete discussion is provided of clinical syndromes in immunocompetent individuals as well.

Because of the excellent basic science and clinical correlation, this monograph should appeal to a wide readership that includes parasitologists, immunologists, pathologists, and clinicians such as infectious-disease specialists, gastroenterologists, hematologists, and oncologists who care for patients with AIDS or other diseases complicated by immunosuppression.

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COMPREHENSIVE GYNECOLOGY REVIEW

By Gerald B. Holman, Frank W. Ling, Douglas W. Laube, and Louis D. Vontver
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Comprehensive Gynecology Review is an excellent book written to complement *Comprehensive Gynecology* by Droegenmueller, Herbst, Mishell, and Stenchever. This review text is a perfect study companion with exactly matching sections and chapters that include basic science, approach to the patient, general gynecology, gynecologic oncology, endocrinology, and infertility.

Questions given are in the standard testing format used by the National Board of Medical Examiners for the purpose of user familiarity. They are derived from a variety of sources within corresponding chapters of *Comprehensive Gynecology* and are of varying difficulty. Answers appear in a separate section with extensive references to specific pages in *Comprehensive Gynecology*, with a comment and occasional outside references. Concepts and established facts are well delineated, but evolving new data suffers from the lag time involved in publication of any new text.

This review is ideally suited for any practicing physician, resident, or student interested in gynecology. Much information can be learned from the review text alone. The text reflects tremendous dedication and perseverance by the authors.

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SOFT TISSUE TUMORS

By Franz M. Enzinger and Sharon W. Weiss
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This comprehensive text is based on the authors' extensive experience at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The first edition, published in 1983, quickly became an indispensable reference for pathologists and clinicians who diagnose and treat patients with soft tissue tumors. The clinicopathologic features and differential diagnosis of each histologic type of benign and

malignant soft tissue tumor were carefully and completely covered, with appropriate attention given to newly described and controversial lesions. Grading and staging systems were concisely presented. The second edition contains new chapters dealing with clinical evaluation and treatment, radiologic evaluation, immunohistochemistry, and vascular tumors of intermediate malignancy (epithelioid hemangioendothelioma, spindle cell hemangioendothelioma, and malignant endovascular papillary angioendothelioma), respectively. More than 400 illustrations and 1,000 references have been added. The chapter on immunohistochemistry and its application to the histologic diagnosis of soft tissue tumors is especially valuable to pathologists. The numerous radiographs and clinical photographs together with the judicious use of electron micrographs provide a nice balance with the many excellent photomicrographs.

Soft Tissue Tumors is essential for all pathologists, as well as for orthopedists and other surgical and medical oncologists. The second edition has clearly enhanced the value of this text for all who study, diagnose, and treat the sometimes bewildering array of soft tissue tumors.

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DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

Edited by Randall K. Roenigk and Henry H. Roenigk
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This updated text is a useful addition to the dermatologic surgeon's armamentarium. While geared mainly to specialists involved with outpatient cutaneous surgery,

this book also addresses many basic surgical problems encountered daily by most dermatologists.

Beginning chapters explain the fundamental concepts of cutaneous surgery. Such topics as wound healing, anesthesia, electrosurgery, and simple suturing techniques are carefully reviewed. As the book progresses, regional problems and more advanced techniques are examined. Hair replacement surgery, dermabrasion, and chemical peels are thoroughly discussed.

Dermatologists have often been credited with the expansion of cutaneous laser surgery and Mohs's micrographic surgery. This text gives special attention to these areas. Dr. Mohs has contributed an excellent chapter on the history of his invaluable technique and its contributions to the care of cutaneous carcinomas. Much experience in Mohs's micrographic surgery and in the cutaneous applications of various laser systems has been obtained at the Cleveland Clinic. Drs. Bailin and Ratz of the Clinic's Dermatologic Surgery Unit have contributed several excellent chapters based on their experiences.

Cooperation with related specialties has also played an essential role in the advancement of dermatologic surgery. The last chapters are mainly of interest to those with more advanced surgical training. Issues in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery are covered by authors from multiple fields.

Overall, the editors have compiled information from authors that are distinguished for their expertise and contributions to the field of dermatologic surgery. Despite its large size, *Dermatologic Surgery* reads easily, has many clear photographs, and is a concise, thorough review. Any reader interested in cutaneous surgery will be enlightened by perusal of this book.

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Erratum

In Table 1 on page 479 of the September/October 1988 (volume 55) issue, in the article, "In vitro comparison of activity of cefixime with activities of other orally administered antimicrobial agents," by Cyn-

thia C. Knapp, MS, and John A. Washington, MD, the MIC₉₀ value for cefixime *v* *Streptococcus pneumoniae* should be listed as 0.2 µg/mL.