

Book Review

Patten, J. P.: Neurologische Differentialdiagnose. Übersetzt aus dem Englischen von F. Trautmann. 181 Abb., XII, 362 S. Berlin-Heidelberg-New York: Springer-Verlag. 1982. Geh. DM 108,—.

In a neurological differential diagnosis single symptoms of the neurological status or history should be discussed with respect to the different patho-mechanisms of possible disorders.

The first step of the interpretation is generally a neuroanatomical or neurophysiological explanation of particular symptoms. For this essential first step the splendid illustrations and diagrams of the author are of great value as they mediate the knowledge for the understanding of the clinical and anamnestic data in the development of neurological disorders.

The description of the techniques of neurological examination, although of value to many readers, goes clearly beyond the scope of this volume.

A differential diagnosis encompassing the whole field of Neurology unavoidably has weak points and this is the case in the very short chapter on Neuroophthalmology and the description of neurological complications in internal diseases.

Some other chapters could be more concise. Altogether the volume contains many informative details and is worthwhile reading.

German readers should avoid the translation, which is often unclear and not very precise.

U. Thoden (Freiburg i. Br.)

Erratum

In the paper "Extracerebral Non-Haemorrhagic Expansive Complications of Intracranial Surgery", by O. Arnason, K. E. Jakobsson, and S. Lindgren, *Acta Neurochirurgica* 67 (1983), 231—238, page 232, line 9 from above should read: ... a total of 7000 intracranial operations ... instead of: ... a total of 20 intracranial operations ...