

BOOK REVIEW

NARCOTICS AND NARCOTIC ANTAGONISTS. By FRANCIS F. FOLDES, MARK SWERDLOW, and EPHRAIM S. SIKER. Springfield· Charles C. Thomas; Toronto: The Ryerson Press. 1964. \$14.25.

THIS is a very practical review of the chemistry and pharmacology of the narcotics and narcotic antagonists and their applications in clinical practice. It is written by anaesthetists, and is oriented particularly to the use of narcotics in modern anaesthetic practice. Sections on chemistry and pharmacology do not pretend to be exhaustive reviews of these subjects, but they are clear and well presented, and certainly adequate for the practising physician and the postgraduate student in the clinical specialties. The chapters on the applications in anaesthesiology and in obstetrics are presented with clarity and are amazingly contemporary. Not the least valuable feature of the book is a bibliography of 1575 items which will be of inestimable value to those seeking further information on the subjects discussed in this volume.

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