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Many General Diseases

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# Foreword

The continual growth of radiologic information makes it increasingly difficult for the practitioner to maintain current clinical knowledge. Radiologic textbooks containing much material for the practicing clinician are often impossible to review thoroughly. Such radiographic texts describing the hand as a window to the understanding of systemic disease are available, but there has been an absence of books which present an easily assimilated synopsis of this material.

Professor Thijn has elegantly presented all the major and many minor features of diseases and conditions that affect the skeleton, using hand roentgenograms as a window. He has also included numerous illustrations of key associated roentgenographic manifestations elsewhere in the body. His organized presentation of each entity, including introductory remarks, radiographic findings in the hand and other sites, differential diagnosis, and key references, forms a structure through which an appropriate evaluation of a clinical case may be made.

The concise synopsis of each disease entity, well illustrated by superb roentgenograms, provides an excellent structure for both the student first learning about such conditions and the practitioner researching an explanation for particular roentgenographic findings.

Professor Thijn has attempted, and I believe has succeeded admirably, to provide a source from which a student or practitioner of radiology may readily arrive at a differential diagnosis of an observed radiographic feature.

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