

BOOK REVIEW - LIVROS

STRICKLAND, G. Thomas - *Hunter's tropical medicine*. 7.ed. Philadelphia, W.B. Saunders, 1991. 1153p. ISBN 0-7216-2970-9

This book, in its 7th edition, fills an essential gap in medical knowledge, with its exclusive interest in Tropical Medicine.

Medical bibliography is produced generally by market interests, with up-to-date editions of books dealing with First World health problems. In these countries, better health care resulted in control of many of the tropical diseases, neglecting the unpowerished and underdeveloped countries diseases. The merit of this book is to deal with tropical diseases in a true scientific fashion without the frequent view of anecdotal or exotic diseases, with a great emphasis on diagnostic and therapeutic aspects. The authors also included a chapter for the developed country physician treat travelers arriving from tropical areas.

The text is concise and objective, furnishing the essentials of diagnosis and therapy of the immense majority of tropical diseases, specially those occurring in Africa and Asia, with some inadequacy chiefly in South American Tropical Diseases, as some diseases not listed, for example, the Jorge-Lobo disease, caused by *Paracoccidioides loboii*. The American Tropical area is another ecosystem, with other diseases and some unrelated problems.

The book also deals with important and noninfectious diseases problems of Tropical areas, as nutrition or venomous animals accidents, frequently neglected in Medical textbooks.

This book is strongly recommended as a basic textbook for physicians beginning their work in Tropical areas or dealing with travelers arriving from these areas and also as a supplementary text for medical students in Tropical Areas.

Dr. Heitor Franco de Andrade Júnior