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Current Therapy 1950, the second in this series of volumes, continues the purpose of bringing to the practicing physician authoritative information on the latest approved methods for treatment of disease. As in the previous volume, each article represents the exact procedures in current use by the contributing clinician.

In the preparation of Current Therapy 1950 all material from the 1949 edition has been referred through the Consultants to the Contributors and has been carefully reviewed by them. Obsolete methods have been deleted, while procedures as yet not fully tested are not mentioned unless so designated. Much valuable information from the previous volume is necessarily repeated with only slight modification. This confirmation of previously recommended therapy should be of the utmost importance to the practicing clinician, since it reestablishes the validity of the methods already in use.

The task of making Current Therapy 1950 fully up to date has involved extensive changes from the earlier volume. Sixteen new subjects are included, with a new section on Diseases of the Locomotor System; forty new Contributors have written articles for the current volume; the section on Infectious Diseases has been completely revised to include the latest chemotherapeutic advances; and large sections of the book

have been reorganized in the interests of greater clarity of presentation.

The vital difference between this book and books of the "review of the literature" or "recent advances" types should perhaps be reemphasized here. Current Therapy 1950 is a record of current treatment procedures, as practiced by the more than 250 Contributors represented. It is designed to be complete in itself and to contain all the information that the busy physician needs in order to treat the variety of disease manifestations which confront him. In many cases, two or more methods of treating a single disorder may be included when there are existing variations in standard therapy. As before, no preference is indicated among such variant methods. This innovation was highly approved by the users of the previous volume and contributed to its wide and immediate acceptance. It is hoped that the present volume will be of even greater aid to the general practitioner in his constant endeavor to keep pace with the ever changing picture of therapeutics.

It is only through the wholehearted cooperation of the numerous Contributors that a work of this kind is possible. The Editor is deeply grateful to them for their timely and practical assistance and to the Consultants for their wise counsel and guidance.

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