

Further studies: Injection of patent blue into dorsum of both feet failed to reveal any lymphatic channels. Dye persisted without streamer formation for 48 hours although a similar injection into the dorsum of the hand led to rapid streamer formation and visualization of axillary lymph nodes. Post-mortem examination revealed congenital lymphedema of the lower extremities in addition to widespread abdominal visceral lymphangiectasia involving the intestine, pancreas, and liver.

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BOOK REVIEW

Micu, D.: Cellular Pathology of the Lymphoid Organs. 1972. 223 pp., 122 figs. (Idelson Publ. House, Naples.) Cloth

The great and complex activity of the lymphocyte and particularly the important role played by this cell in the defense reactions of the organism have been gradually demonstrated and in the last two decades the medical literature regarding the physiology and pathology of the lymphoid organs has been considerably enriched by numerous papers and some monographs. Among the latter Dr. Micu's book, recently published by the Idelson Publishing House, Naples, is a valuable contribution to progress in this field.

As it is said in the introduction the first concern of the author "was to prune the existing knowledge of most of the older data overgrown with luxuriant morphologic descriptions that have gradually proved to be but partly useful". In this respect it should be emphasized that based on his wide personal experience the author has succeeded to blend harmoniously the still valid older data with the new ones of cytochemistry, cytoenzymology, cytoimmunology, cytogenetics and tissue cultures. Among the latter Dr. Micu's personal investigations as well as those carried out in collaboration with other authors over a period of more than twenty years of activity in this field, hold an important place.

Some of the diseases of the lymphoid organs whose cytology is studied by the author are: acute and chronic inflammations, giant follicular lymphoma, reactive or malignant reticulosis, reticulum cell sarcoma and lymphosarcoma, acute and chronic leukemias, Hodgkin's disease, Waldenström's

macroglobulinemia, plasmocytoma, hypersplenism, "myeloid spleen", malignant thymoma and the cancer metastases of the lymph nodes. Such diseases are very frequent and therefore, their correct understanding is indispensable for the different specialists.

Dr. Micu has a valuable original contribution to the knowledge of the pathologic behaviour of nucleoli, the nucleolo-cytoplasmic RNA, phospholipids and other biochemical or enzymatic components of the lymphoid organs. The figures, almost all original, illustrate the text eloquently and a comprehensive bibliography ensures a scientific support of the many data discussed.

As the cellular pathology of the lymphoid organs is of great interest for both laboratory workers and clinicians we feel sure that the book will be greatly appreciated by all those who wish to keep up to date in problems of pathology.

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The *5th International Congress of Lymphology* took place in Tucson, Arizona, USA from March 6 to 10, 1973. Some 300 participants from 28 countries attended. 184 papers covering a wide variety of topics were presented. The scientific program was arranged by M. and Ch. Witte from the University of Arizona.

Among the topics presented were the following: Refresher Course in Lymphology – What and where is Lymph? – Lymphocyte Structure and Function – Diagnosis of Lymphatic Diseases – Lymph Flow – Composition of Lymph – Lymphedema – Physiology and Pharmacology – Lymphography, Including Endolymphatic Therapy – Anatomy and Pathology – Lymphatic System in Transplantation Biology – Malignancies Involving the Lymphatic System – Symposia on Regional Lymph Circulation – Workshops on Tumor Immunology, Thoracic Duct, Cannulation and Regional Lymph Circulation – Surgery of the Lymphatic System.

The Congress was preceded by a post-graduate Course in Lymphography organized by P. Capp, P.R. Koehler and M. Viamonte.

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