Lymphoproliferative malignancy in rheumatoid arthritis

References


Book review


This is the second monograph in a series aimed at filling a gap between standard textbooks, research reviews, and original articles in specialist fields. The first part consists of an introduction, followed by general principles and approach to a patient using osteoarthritis as a model. In the following 10 chapters due attention is paid to presentation with neck pain, pain in the low back, and the local syndromes of the shoulder, elbow, and carpal tunnel in the upper limbs, and tarsal tunnel, etc., in the lower limbs, as well as metabolic bone disease, crystal arthropathies, and arthritis associated with general medical disorders. Subsequent chapters included rheumatoid disease, juvenile chronic arthritis, the seronegative spondyloarthritides, infective arthritis, which somewhat strangely was continued with polymyalgia rheumatica and connective tissue disorders. There follow a further eight chapters, which start with the general principles of management of chronic arthritis, and then go through the pharmacology of the drugs used in the first and second line treatment, ending up with a chapter on surgery. There are few diagrams and no illustrations. The text is easy to read, and at the end of each chapter some general references for further reading are given.

This inexpensive paperback will be useful for people without particular knowledge who wish to learn rapidly something about rheumatology, whether they are at student, senior house officer, or registrar level. It should be especially useful for those general practitioners who want to take a more active role in looking after rheumatologic patients in their own practice.

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