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Book review

Local Injection Therapy in Rheumatic Diseases. By A. St J. Dixon and J. Graber. Pp. 181. No price given. Eular: Basle. 1983.

Apart from the clinical examination no skill is more necessary for the rheumatologist than that of local injection. The proposers of the motion at the final meeting of the Heberden Society that steroid injections did more harm than good to patients had an impossible task despite their powerful advocacy.

The production of a pocket size manual on the subject is to be warmly welcomed. The second edition of this

monograph has been revised and enlarged. After a general introduction it deals with each area of the body. The indications for and the techniques of injection into each region are succinctly discussed. Excellent illustrations in the form of clinical photographs, radiographs, and diagrams clarify the procedures. No junior doctor on the rheumatological or orthopaedic service can afford to be without this book, and most consultants will be grateful for it too. We have ordered a copy for each ward in the Regional Rheumatology Centre at Harrogate.

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