Management of Ocular, Orbital, and Adnexal Trauma. Eds THOMAS C SPOOR, FRANK A NESI. Pp. 445. US\$ 106.50. Raven Press: New York. 1987.

This book is edited by two ophthalmologists who have tried to emphasise the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to ocular, orbital, and adnexal trauma. It is a multiauthor book with chapters by ophthalmologists, neuroradiologists, and facial plastic surgeons, but the overwhelming emphasis is on ophthalmology.

It is divided into three main sections. The first deals extensively with ocular trauma, and there are chapters on the primary care of the ruptured globe, anterior segment and corneal trauma, traumatic hyphaema, retinal and vitreal injuries, endophthalmitis, and antibiotic usage. Newer and sometimes controversial treatments are mentioned such as ascorbate and acetylcysteine therapy for chemical burns, cyanoacrylate for corneal defects, and aminocaproic acid for hyphaemas. The risks of sympathetic ophthalmitis are accurately given with references, and the special problems of preventing amblyopia in children are discussed. The second section is devoted to orbital trauma and covers the neuro-ophthalmological manifestations of trauma, radiology, maxillofacial and blow out fractures, orbital infections, and haemorrhages. The last section covers eyelid trauma with chapters on soft tissue injuries and scar revision, ocular adnexal damage including repair of lacerated canaliculi, and eyelid burns. There is a large section on eyelid reconstruction, and the inability of tarsorrhaphies to counteract tissue loss and protect the eye, especially after burns, is correctly stressed.

The difficulty with any book on trauma is to decide how extensively to explore specific topics. The requirements of different specialties vary, but this book achieves its aim of covering ocular, orbital, and adnexal trauma from the ophthalmologist's view point. It contains many interesting facts involving all specialties, such as that an operative consent form in the USA is not legal if the patient's alcohol level is over '100 mg/ml'! It is an excellent book for ophthalmologists in training or the general ophthalmologist who wants a current text on trauma management, but even for the experienced ophthalmologist its extensive references make it potentially very valuable with the increase in medicolegal work.

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Notes

Colour Vision

The International Research Group for Colour Vision Deficiencies (IRGCVD) will hold its 11th symposium in Tokyo on 26–28 March 1990 in affiliation with the International Congress of Ophthalmology. The symposium will be at the Tokyo Medical College Hospital, 6–7–1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160, Japan.

Clinical trials booklet

A new edition of the booklet, *Clinical trials supported by the National Eye Institute: evaluating new approaches to the treatment of eye and vision disorders*, is now available. This publication gives brief information on 20 clinical trials currently supported by the NEI, including the purpose and design of each trial, patient eligibility criteria, patient recruitment goals, and a bibliography for completed trials. It also lists the names of professional and institutional participants, study chairmen, participating clinical centres, resource centres, and data and safety monitoring committee members. Copies obtainable from Ms Judith Stein, Information Officer, National Eye Institute, Building 31, Room 6A32, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, USA.

Albino Fellowship

In celebration of its tenth anniversary the Albino Fellowship will hold a scientific colloquium on the neurological and genetic aspects of albinism at Keble College, Oxford, on 27–30 September 1989. Details from Dr WOG Taylor, 16 Ronaldshaw Park, Ayr KA7 2TJ.

Rotary Club appeal

The Rotary Club of Delhi, India, has started a charitable eye hospital for the poorest members of the community. It has 12 beds and proposes increasing them to 24. An appeal for the donation of surplus instruments and equipment is being made by Mr B Sayal, LDS RCS, 1 Rosslyn Gardens, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 7NY (tel. 01–904 2736), who undertakes to collect them in the Greater London area.

Electrophysiology of vision

The 28th Symposium of the International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision will be held as a satellite symposium of the 26th International Congress of Ophthalmology on 10–14 March 1990 at Guangzhou, China. The deadline for abstracts is 1 November 1989. Details from Professor Lezheng Wu, MD, Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center, SUMS, 54 Xianlie Road, Guangzhou 510060, PR China.

All India Conference

The 48th All India Ophthalmological Conference will be held on 5–8 January 1990 at Ahmedabad, India. Details from the General Secretary, Dr J Agarwal, All India Ophthalmological Society, Dr Agarwal's Eye Institute, 13 Cathedral Road, Madras 600 086, India.

Glaucoma Convention

A glaucoma convention will be held on 14–15 July 1990 at Madras, India. Details from the Organising Secretary, Dr Chander Neroor, Glaucoma Convention, Dr Agarwal's Eye Institute, 13 Cathedral Road, Madras 600 086, India.