

Book review

Sexually transmitted diseases. By James S Bingham, 1984. One of a series of **Pocket picture guides to clinical medicine.** Gower Medical Publishing, London. Pp 105. Price £4.95.

At just under 20 × 10.5 × 1 cm this is indeed a pocket sized picture guide of sexually transmitted diseases. Within its covers are found coloured photographs of all the common diseases likely to be

encountered in clinical practice. After a brief introduction the book is divided into four sections: urethral discharge, vaginal discharge, genital ulceration, and other viral infections. Each figure is accompanied by a clear description of the salient features of the condition illustrated. On the whole the quality of the photographs is excellent. Some of the illustrations of rare skin manifestations of secondary syphilis and of congenital syphilis, however, have not

reproduced well and I would question the necessity of their inclusion in a book of this format.

At a cost of less than £5, this atlas compares very favourably with its competitors and, given its stylish production, can be recommended to medical students, general practitioners, and trainees in genitourinary medicine.

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Notices

International conference on AIDS

An international conference on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) will be held on 15-17 April, at the World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia, United States.

It will be sponsored by: the Centers for Disease Control; the National Institutes of Health; the Food and Drug Administration;

the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration; the Health Resources and Services Administration; and the World Health Organisation. The purpose of the meeting is to review strategies for the prevention and control of AIDS and to exchange information on screening and diagnostic tests for AIDS and on the epidemiology, virology, immunology, clinical manifestations, and treatment of

AIDS. Seating will be available for 1800 participants. An announcement of keynote speakers and a call for abstracts will be published later. The deadline for submitting abstracts will be 10 December, 1984. To obtain further information and future announcements, please contact: AIDS Conference, Building 1, Room 207, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, USA.

Conference of the African Union Against Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses

The African Union Against Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses will be holding a conference on 1-5 April 1985 in Libreville, Gabon. There will be a workshop on chlamydial infections on 1 and 2 April and a conference on infertility and STD in Africa from 3 to 5 April.