to GU physicians are the sections on breakthrough bleeding and the effect of concurrent use of antibiotics. Although not fully referenced, important studies are cited in discussion of controversial issues. A suggested reading list offers fuller coverage. The publication of this book did however pre-date the October 1995 Committee on Safety of Medicines Guidelines on combined oral contraception.

Chapters include discussion of progestogen-only methods—oral, injectable and implants, post-coital contraception, barrier methods and new in this, the second edition, the intra-uterine contraceptive. John Guillebaud dispels the myths about the IUD with regard to ectopic pregnancies and pelvic inflammatory disease. He predicts a “truly dramatic ‘come-back’ for IUDs in the near future”. The importance of pre-existing carriage of STDs is emphasised. A protocol for infection screening of prospective IUD users is presented which includes a low threshold for referral to GU clinics. The new levonorgestrel releasing IUD is praised; with its “unsurpassed efficacy” and reduction in the frequency of clinical PID it will “re-write the textbooks about IUDs”.

Contraception Today abridges a considerable body of literature and is highly recommended for those wanting a concise update on current contraceptive practice.

LYNNE GILBERT

HIV infection in children, a guide to practical management. Edited by J MOK and M NEWELL. Cambridge. Cambridge University Press. 1995. (Pp. 313; £40) ISBN 0 521 45421 2

This is an excellent book for those caring for HIV infected children in the developed world. Management of these children is extremely complex, requiring multidisciplinary input and is evolving constantly. The contents of the book cover the important areas in which health carers need to be informed. The chapters have been written by a team of international contributors with considerable expertise. It gives details of experience and management strategies from both European and North American perspectives. The information is up to date, well referenced and presented in very readable chapters. This book will be useful to all those involved in health care of HIV infected children.

M D S WALTERS

NOTICES

United States FDA Medical Device Update: Design Controls, GMP Requirements and Marketing Clearance

Charles de Gaulle Hilton, Paris, France. 20–23 May 1996.

An international meeting on FDA GMP and marketing regulations including the proposed new GMP requirements and how to comply with them. All three days will be presented by FDA's CDRH with a presentation by the European Commission. Sponsored by the French Government.

For further information please contact: Sharon Goff, Advanstar Communications, Advanstar House, Park West, Sealand Road, Chester CH1 4RN, UK. Tel: + 44 (0)1244 378 888. Fax: + 44 (0)1244 370 011.

BSCCP. Basic Colposcopy Course

4–5 July 1996 and 28–29 November 1996. Birmingham. Contact Mrs E Dollery, 3rd Floor, Birmingham Maternity Hospital, Birmingham B15 2TG, Telephone 0121 607 4716

A Practical Course in Laser Applications for Cutaneous Lesions

18–20 July 1996. Singapore. Contact Mrs A Chew, 1 Mandalay Road, Singapore 1130, Telephone (65) 3508405

European Regional IUVD Conference on STDs and Eurogin Conference on Herpes Viruses and Genital Pathology. Paris, France, 24–25 October 1996.

Address enquiries to: Congress Secretariat: BAXON Communication, 69/73 Avenue du Général Leclerc, BP 304–92102 Boulogne, France.

DIARY OF EVENTS

18–20 April	British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology. Stoke-on-Trent, UK.
21–25 April	Viral hepatitis and liver disease. Rome, Italy.
5–8 May	Society for Clinical Trials. USA.
9–11 May 1996	Spring Meeting of the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases, Edinburgh, UK
12–16 May 1996	9th World Congress on Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy, Sydney, Australia
14–17 May	First European Congress of Chemotherapy. Glasgow, Scotland.
10–13 June	7th International Congress for Infectious Diseases. Hong Kong.
3–6 July	Fifth International Drug Resistance Workshop. Whistler, Canada.
7–12 July 1996	XI International Conference on AIDS, Vancouver, Canada
11–14 Sept 1996	Third European Chlamydia Meeting, Vienna, Austria
15–18 September	Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC). New Orleans, USA.
18–20 September	Society for Social Medicine. Dundee, UK.
13–17 Oct 1996	5th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, Lisbon, Portugal
17–18 Oct 1996	6th European Course on HPV-associated Pathology, Amsterdam
23–25 Oct 1996	European Regional Meeting of the International Union Against the Venereal Diseases and the Treponematoses, Paris, France
3–7 Nov 1996	3rd International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection, Birmingham, UK
1–5 Dec 1996	International Papillomavirus Workshop, Queensland, Australia