



Book Review

Oral Manifestations of HIV Infection

S. Silverman, Mosby, 2nd Edition, 1996, £40.

A second edition of Dr Silverman's book on oral manifestations of HIV infection will be warmly welcomed. It is invaluable to all of those who are in any way involved with this disease.

The contents comprise chapters on the nature of HIV infection, transmission risks, fungal, viral and bacterial infections, malignant neoplasms, other HIV-associated lesions and a series of case presentations.

Clinical colour photographs of superb quality and some photomicrographs, form the bulk of the book and are supplemented by brief but informative text.

The writing of this review happens to have coincided with the appearance of a leading article in the *British Medical Journal* by an expert medical group on HIV infection. They emphasise the need for early recognition of the disease and give a list of clinical features of primary HIV infection. However, they fail to mention any oral manifestations apart

from candidosis. Those unfamiliar with this disease will undoubtedly be surprised to see the apparently insignificant oral lesions which indicate infection and may herald rapid deterioration. But are all those who are familiar with HIV infection sufficiently aware of its oral presentations?

This book is therefore essential reading for anyone working in this field and indeed for any clinicians. Sooner or later they are bound to be presented with cases, but whether they pay sufficient attention to changes in the mouth will in many cases depend on how well they have read this book. Under the circumstances its price is surprisingly modest.

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