
Genital Abnormalities

This exceptionally thorough treatment of intersexes was originally conceived by the author as merely a presentation of his own clinical and surgical cases of remarkable genital anomalies, but grew eventually into a complete discussion, embryological, clinical and surgical, of the entire problem of anatomic, pathologic, endocrine and physiologic abnormalities of the sex functions. The bulk of the volume is given over to a complete discussion of hermaphroditism. The twenty cases of true hermaphroditism (one of them reported by the author himself) which have been accepted as proved microscopically are presented in detail. Pseudohermaphroditism, occurring in one out of 1,000 individuals, in whom the gonads of only one sex are present, but the abnormalities of the external genitalia are such that doubt exists as to the true sex, is treated in detail, with many personal case histories. Among the other anomalies discussed are the adreno-genital syndrome, hyper- and hypogenitalism, gynecomastia, hypo- and epispadias, cryptorchidism, and atresia ani urethralis. The volume is beautifully and extensively illustrated with photomicrographs, surgical drawings and photographs. Biologists, physiologists, endocrinologists, physicians and surgeons will find the book of absorbing interest, and should put it on their "must" lists.

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