

BOOK REVIEW

Manual of Oxygen Therapy Techniques. By ALBERT H. ANDREWS, JR., M.D., Director, Oxygen Therapy Department and Assistant Attending Otolaryngologist, St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. 191 pages with 33 illustrations. Chicago: The Year Book Publishers, Inc., 1943. Price, cloth, \$1.75.

This pocket size manual contains an amazing amount of information on the technic of administration of gas therapy. There has been need of a book of this type, and the physician who has been somewhat puzzled by the variety of methods in use at the present time will do well to study Dr. Andrews' treatise. The first chapter is a short consideration of the physiology of respiration and the rationale of inhalation therapy. Following this are sections on gases, cylinders, regulators, handling of oxygen equipment, and safety precautions. A very useful table comparing the tent, catheter, and

mask methods comprises one chapter. The author then discusses each method in detail, even as to specific makes of equipment and their maintenance. Carbon dioxide therapy, helium, positive pressure, and water vapor therapy are also adequately described.

The average physician will seldom read a book in which he can learn so much that he should have known as in this short manual. It belongs on the list of recommended reading for interns, who, upon entering into hospital work, frequently find the practical application of their theoretical knowledge baffling, particularly in this important field. If the care of equipment and the inauguration of the therapy is in charge of the nursing personnel of the hospital, it is suggested that a copy of "Oxygen Therapy Techniques" will prove a most useful guide to a more efficient administration of this department.

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