Health United States, 1988
216 pp., $16.

This is the annual report on the nation's health, containing statistics compiled from across the health care sector. The report is divided into two sections. The first is a chart book on geographic variation in mortality for selected causes of death. The second section is composed of detailed statistical tables on four major subject headings—health status and determinants, utilization of health resources, health care resources, and health care expenditures. The tables are designed to show comparable data trends over a period of years.

This book is of limited utility for most occupational therapists. With only one or two exceptions, it does not break out specific information on occupational therapy or occupational therapists. It may be useful to persons such as therapists writing grant proposals, students working on projects, and administrators justifying budgets. It is the kind of reference source that could belong in your facility's library but not necessarily on your personal bookshelf.

Ira Silvergleit, MA, MS

RESEARCH: The Validation of Clinical Practice (Edition 2)
F. A. Davis Company, 1915 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
311 pp., $19.95.

Although this book's target audience is entry-level students in occupational and physical therapy, it would also be beneficial for clinicians undertaking their first research endeavors. Perhaps because it does not try to provide in-depth statistical analysis, this book seems more user-friendly than other research texts. It does much to dispel the fear that students and clinicians seem to have about the research process. The text is presented in a logical, sequential manner, and the chapters could be used in either classroom or in-service programs.

Melinda F. Rybski, MA, OTR/L

Market Research Handbook for Health Care Professionals
Paul H. Keckley, PhD (1988).
American Hospital Publishing, Inc., 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.
128 pp., $30 (members); $37.50 (non-members).

This reference would be a welcome addition to a professional library for occupational therapy managers interested in assessing their own departments and in program and service development. Although this book is not specific to occupational therapy services, it provides some useful ideas for simplifying or adapting the process.

Alice Smith, MBA, OTR

Briefly Noted

Family Games: General Models of Psychotic Processes in the Family
285 pp., $27.95.

Grammar is a metaphor used to describe recurring behavior within a family that can lead to symptomatic behavior in a child but over which individuals seemingly have little control. This book describes an approach that enlists the parents as cotherapists with responsibility for changing the pattern of the game. This book's primary benefit for occupational therapists is to increase our awareness of the complex interfamilial behaviors that result in the child patient with psychosis.

Margaret E. Drake, OTR

The Environment of Medicine
87 pp., $26 (members), $50 (non-members).

This slender, steeply priced volume manages to pack a lot of information and statistics between its covers. It would be a useful reference work for anyone interested in health care trends and the data behind projections for the future.

Barbara E. Joe, MA

Taming the Paper Tiger
192 pp., $9.95.

For those of us who were not born with a knack for organization, this book comes to the rescue. It contains broad strategies and handy tips for coping with the proliferation of paper in our lives. This book is a sensible, down-to-earth approach to the demands of paperwork.

Anna Claire, OTR