

Announcement

Attention of readers interested in carcinogenic agents is drawn to the March issue of the A.M.A. *Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Medicine* (Vol. 5, No. 9), which contains a series of sixteen papers on occupational and environmental factors in cancer. The papers are records of lectures presented during the past 4 years at meetings of the Cancer Prevention Committee. The subjects discussed are as follows:

1. Purpose and Program of the Cancer Prevention Committee. William E. Smith, M.D., New York.
2. Trends in Cancer Mortality. E. Cuyler Hammond, Sc.D., New York.
3. Lung Cancer in the Chromate Industry. Frederick Gregorius, M.D., New York.
4. Use of Life Insurance Company Records for Cancer Studies. E. A. Lew, A.M., F.S.A., New York.
5. Occupational Cancer Hazards in American Industries. W. C. Hueper, M.D., Bethesda, Md.
6. Lung Cancer with Special Reference to Experimental Aspects. William E. Smith, M.D., New York.
7. Studies on Lung Cancer in Relation to Smoking. Ernest L. Wynder, M.D., New York.
8. Industrial Exposure to Chromates in New York State. Herbert S. Dankman, New York.
9. Use of the Cytologic Method in Industrial Medicine, with Special Reference to Tumors of the Lung and the Bladder. Henry A. Cromwell, M.D., and George N. Papanicolaou, M.D., New York.
10. Bladder Lesions from Aromatic Amines: Statistical Considerations and Prevention. Mario Barsotti and Enrico C. Vigliani, Milan, Italy, translated by Louis J. Sciarini, Ph.D., New Haven, Conn.
11. Survey of Some Current British and European Studies of Occupational Tumor Problems. William E. Smith, M.D., New York.
12. Chemical Causes of Occupational Cancers: Aromatic Amines Acting on the Bladder. René Truhaut, Paris, France, translated by Rosamond de St. Phalle.
13. Workmen's Compensation Insurance as a Source of Data on Tumors in Relation to Occupation. R. N. Gray, M.D., Hartford, Conn.
14. The Program of the New York State Occupational Cancer Committee. May R. Mayers, M.D., New York.
15. The New Jersey Occupational Cancer Survey. Edwin D. Merrill, M.D., Milford, N.J.
16. Comments on Occupational Cancer Surveys in the United States. W. C. Hueper, M.D., Bethesda, Md.

Book Reviews

Göttingen Grundlagen der Strahlentherapie Physik, Biologie und allgemeine Therapie XVI. By PROF. DR. R. K. KEPP. In German. Stuttgart, Germany: Thieme Verlag, 1952. Pp. 356. Ganzleinen DM. 88.00.

This book was written as an introduction to the field of radiation therapy for medical students, interns, residents, and general practitioners. The first part of the book deals with the theoretical principles of x-rays, radium, their origins and properties. There is included a chapter dealing with the fundamental aspects of new types of rays discovered by the nuclear physicists during the past few years.

The second part of the book deals with the general

biological actions of different kinds of rays on the human body as well as with their therapeutic effects on tumors. Because of the author's special interest in gynecology, this aspect of radiation therapy is emphasized.

This monograph is unusually clear and well written and is highly recommended for an introduction in that field of cancer therapy for all who have a reading knowledge of German. It should be pointed out that the list of up-to-date references includes 951 items which deal directly or are closely related to this problem.

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