use of hypnosis in penal institutions,” and “Mass hypnosis.”

This treatise will help the reader gain an insight into, and an appreciation of, the tremendous potential value of the professional use of medical hypnosis. It can be heartily recommended for physicians, dentists and attorneys, and especially for those skeptics who have never made the effort to find out what medical hypnosis has to offer.

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Although this is a short book in number of pages, it is a most significant contribution. During the course of managing a patient under general anesthesia, the anesthesiologist rarely considers the metabolic effects of the general anesthetic. He concentrates primarily on cardiovascular and respiratory changes. This monograph represents a critical summary of available data pertaining to the effects of general anesthesia on metabolism.

The book is divided into two major chapters. The first chapter deals with the effects of anesthesia on the various aspects of metabolism, such as oxygen consumption, carbohydrate and protein metabolism, fluid volume and electrolytes, liver and kidney function, and the endocrine system. The second chapter is devoted to respiratory acidosis and its effects on body function.

Each section of the volume is extremely concise, but remarkably clear and readable. The fact that there are three hundred and sixty-seven references appended is indicative of the wealth of information that has been collated. This is valuable reading material and should be in the library of everyone involved with anesthesiology.

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