

## Book Review

**Guide to Leprosy and Leprosy Control**, by Dr P. Kapoor. Published by Dr J. M. Mehta, President, Poona District Leprosy Committee.

Here is a book designed as a Leprosy Field Worker's Vade Mecum, and in this objective it succeeds admirably. Its primary target is the great body of para-medical workers within the National Leprosy Programme of the Government of India, but it will also appeal to busy medical practitioners who need something for ready reference when dealing with leprosy problems.

Dr Kapoor is a distinguished Indian leprologist with great experience of field workers and their problems. The book is written in synopsis style with clarity and brevity, and field workers will appreciate the tabular form in which points to be remembered are presented on almost every page. The subject is none the less dealt with comprehensively, with up to date emphasis on the practical aspects of leprology. Health education for instance occupies 5 of the 82 pages. With preventive physiotherapy so much the responsibility of the front line worker, a chapter on this subject, with simple diagrams, would have been welcomed.

The background is inevitably India and leprosy as seen in India, but para-medical workers everywhere and those involved in teaching them will read this book with interest and profit. For many it could be just the book to carry with them while on field duty. It is available in hard back and paper back editions, and we may hope that the need for another edition will give an opportunity to correct some printing errors. The price is not stated, but is certain to be very reasonable. The book is available from Dr J. M. Mehta, President, Poona District Leprosy Committee, 593/2, Rasta Peth, Poona -411 011, Maharashtra, India.

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