

Teaching Materials and Services

Orientation in leprosy for doctors, HKNS, India

This is a strongly bound paperback, 18 × 24 cm, of 28 pp, published by Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh, 1 Red Cross Road, New Delhi 110 001, India. Its object is quite simply to '... give a short orientation to all medical doctors and to ensure their involvement in the National Leprosy Eradication Campaign.' It is written by Dr and Mrs Thangaraj and Dr K C Das. This excellent booklet covers all basic aspects of leprosy from diagnosis, through classification to the management of reactions and the use of multiple drug therapy. It would in fact be of great value to medical students in India and probably also to several categories of health worker; with some modification it could in fact be used in other countries, where the need for such a text on leprosy for doctors and medical students has yet to be filled.

Leprosy I and II. Colour transparency sets from Glaxo Laboratories (India) Ltd

These excellent sets have been produced by Glaxo, India; they were assembled by Dr V D Parikh (Grant Medical College, Bombay), Dr R Ganapati (Bombay Leprosy Project) and Dr Chetan Oberai (Grant Medical College, Bombay). Using 48 colour transparencies, they cover virtually all aspects of the disease and there is a full written text. Some of the recommendations on chemotherapy, such as the use of isoniazid, may not be universally acceptable, and it is possible that the sections on treatment generally will have to be revised soon in view of current WHO advice on multiple drug regimens for paucibacillary and multibacillary cases. Slide 44 and page 10 in Section II would also benefit from a clearer distinction between the two main types of adverse immunological reaction in relation to treatment. These are, however, minor comments on material which will greatly benefit leprosy work in India and elsewhere, and we congratulate the authors and the Glaxo Laboratories on this initiative.

The following lecture sets are available, post free, at the rates given below: 1 Diabetes mellitus, 3 parts (72 colour slides & text) Rs. 150/-; 2 Cerebrovascular diseases, 3 parts (72 colour slides & text) Rs. 150/-; 3 Scabies (24 colour slides and text) Rs. 50/-; 4 Ringworm (24 colour slides and text) Rs. 50/-; 5 Viral infection of the skin (24 colour slides and text) Rs. 50/-; 6 Venereal diseases (24 colour slides and text) Rs. 50/-; 7 Leprosy, 2 parts (48 colour slides & text) Rs. 100/-; 8 Ischaemic Heart Disease (24 colour slides and text) Rs. 50/-; 9 Acute myocardial infarction (24 colour slides and text) Rs. 50/-.

Payment may be sent by demand draft payable to Glaxo Laboratories (India) Ltd, Medical Education Department, Worli, Bombay 400 025, India on receipt of which the set(s) will be despatched together with an officially stamped receipt acknowledging payment.

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Teaching and learning materials on leprosy from The Leprosy Mission (International), London

There are 20 items on the TLMI list of materials and a checklist is provided indicating their suitability for doctors, health programme planners, health educators, shoe workshop managers, junior health workers, supervisors, senior health workers, laboratory technicians, physiotherapy technicians, medical students and surgeons. Some items are free, others are to be paid for. Sea mail is used free of charge, but there is an extra charge for despatch by air mail, if this is requested. Enquiries to: Teaching and Learning Materials, The Leprosy Mission (International), 50 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG, England—but please note that workers in India should apply for the printed book list and prices to The Leprosy Mission, CNI Bhavan, 16 Pandit Pant Marg, New Delhi 110 001, India.

TALC: 3 colour slide-texts for leprosy

Leprosy lesions in skins of different colours. Dr Grace Warren of the Leprosy Mission International (50 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG) has produced a valuable set of 24 slides, with written text, on the above subject. As usual with material from Teaching Aids at Low Cost (TALC), the quality of the transparencies is high throughout, giving a remarkably clear impression of the appearances of leprosy in peoples of different racial origin and skin colour. The ample written material accompanying the slides begins with a page on how to use this set and then proceeds to a description of indeterminate, borderline and lepromatous leprosy lesions as seen on

the skin, using question and answer form. There are also 'Teachers Notes' interspersed throughout the text. There are 3 appendices; 1 on the examination of a patient who might have leprosy; another on classification and a third on checking for resistance to dapsone. Of the other TALC sets on leprosy, Lp *Leprosy in childhood* has sold very nearly 5000 since it was produced in 1971 and LpCn *Classification of leprosy* has sold over 2000 since 1976. This third set on leprosy will surely be of the greatest value to those working in areas where skin colour is light and it could well be studied in association with the slide set on the same subject from the Regional Office of the World Health Organization, Copenhagen, or with the illustrated manual *Leprosy in the light skin* by Dr D L Leiker and Professor E Nunzi and produced by the Associazione Italiana 'Amici di Raoul Follereau' in Bologna. For the above TALC set (LpD), apply to Teaching Aids at Low Cost, PO Box 49, St Albans, Herts AL1 4AX. (The cost of the set with script is between £2.00 and £5.50, depending on presentation.)

***Leprosy for Medical Practitioners and Paramedical Workers.* R H Thangaraj and S J Yawalkar**

This booklet of 92 pages has been written by Dr Thangaraj, Director of the Leprosy Mission in Southern Asia, New Delhi, and Professor Yawalkar, a dermatologist in the International Clinical Research department of Ciba-Geigy, Basle. Both authors have extensive experience of leprosy, mainly from India, and this is apparent throughout the pages of this informative and up-to-date publication. The chapters begin with the historical background, proceeding to prevalence, bacteriology, epidemiology, evolution of lesions, clinical features, differential diagnosis, treatment, reactions, deformities and their management, prevention, control and rehabilitation. There are 95 colour pictures of high quality, together with numerous diagrams and tables of practical value. There are 100 references and a page of recommendations for further reading. As the sub-title states, this book was written for doctors and paramedical workers, but it will also be found of great value to medical students, particularly in leprosy-endemic countries and to many other grades of health worker. A particularly valuable element in this publication is the emphasis placed on correct diagnosis, classification into pauci-bacillary or multibacillary groups (making use of the bacteriological index in slit-skin smears) and treatment with multiple drugs, according to the recommendations of the World Health Organization ('*Chemotherapy of leprosy for control programmes*'; *Technical Report Series 675, WHO, Geneva, 1982*). This booklet is free and it is to be hoped that it will receive a wide distribution in all leprosy-endemic countries as soon as possible. Apply to: Medical Department, Ciba-Geigy, CH 4002, Basle, Switzerland.

The Wellcome Tropical Institute—Museum and Distance Learning

The Wellcome Tropical Institute is funded by the Wellcome Trust and was established in 1984 to develop the Wellcome Museum of Medical Science and to work with governments and universities in the tropics to support their own courses in tropical medicine, and to develop continuing education for medical officers away from teaching hospitals. Thus the Institute intends to complement the work of the two British Schools of Tropical Medicine and will develop work outside the normal functions of these Schools, and to provide a focus in London where those who work in the tropics can meet each other. The Institute is pleased to collaborate with any individuals or organisations involved in the development of tropical medical education, both in the UK and abroad. Overseas we work with the institutions which need support for their teaching in tropical medicine. In the UK, we hope to generate an increased and informed interest in tropical medicine, chiefly, but not solely through our Museum and its exhibitions.

Museum—existing material is being completely revised and we are continually aware of the need to acquire fresh material which will ensure that the Museum remains topical, relevant and current as a teaching information centre to all levels of students and visitors. A new venture is to establish Museum displays in appropriate institutions in this country and abroad. Teaching and display materials are being produced on a variety of topics concerning health and disease in a form which can be exported and presented in institutions overseas. Another venture is the creation of special exhibitions on topics of current interest in tropical medicine. The first of these, on malaria, will open in March 1987.

Distance learning—a programme has been devised as a means of promoting continuing postgraduate education. This programme is targeted at district medical officers. Its aim is to strengthen rural health services by giving active and continual support to medical staff in rural areas where they work. We hope that the material provided will reinforce the medical training of doctors, and will also serve to stimulate interest in the areas of tropical health care, community development and education and research. Great care is being taken to present the programme modules in the most appropriate and sympathetic form of self-instruction. The presentations may include non-paper media such as slide-sound and video. The Programme will emphasize practical problem solving activities in the areas of clinical practice, administration and management of resources, community health care, epidemiology and education. We hope to assist medical schools to develop their own Distance Learning and Training Programmes.

There is also a Library and Archive Centre. For further details of any of these items apply to: The Wellcome Tropical Institute, 200 Euston Road, London NW1 2BQ.