

## Book Reviews

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*Clinician's Guide to Viral Hepatitis*. C. J. Tibbs and H. M. Smith. Arnold, 2001. £29.99 hb.

I found this book a delight to read. It is extremely well written and formatted and has many clearly illustrated diagrams. It is a must for all healthcare professionals (especially nurses, trainee doctors, trainee laboratory staff and trainee public health staff) who deal with the diagnosis, treatment and control of viral hepatitis. I have been working on viral hepatitis for 30 years, and I found the book informative and fascinating. It is not a book for experts, and is aimed principally at trainees, but is well referenced and finding relevant information is easy. Every medical school, microbiology/virology laboratory, infectious diseases unit,

liver transplant, department of public health and hepatitis unit library should have a copy.

The book deals with the history and discovery of hepatitis viruses, clinical features, investigations and their interpretation, natural history and prognosis, epidemiology, management and treatment, liver transplantation, prevention, pathogenesis and molecular biology. With new treatment regimens being developed and with an increasing burden of viral hepatitis (especially hepatitis C), this guide is a most welcome and useful addition to our educational resource.

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