Surgical Pathology of Non-neoplastic Lung Disease. 2nd ed. A-L A Katzenstein, FB Askin. (Pp 603; £50.) Philadelphia: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1990. ISBN 0-7216-1852-9.

The first edition of this book was published in 1982 and was very well received by pathologists. This edition contains three new chapters—drug induced lung diseases, primary lymphoid lung lesions, and lung manifestations of AIDS. The chapter on drugs by J Myers provides a very useful account of the patterns of lung injury that may occur with a large number of drugs. The chapter on lymphoid lesions, a difficult and often poorly understood subject, gives a clear and up to date description of these lesions and discusses their relation to malignancy. There is a useful section on transplantation related disorders. Overall the presentation and content of the book are excellent, though I dislike the organisation of the chapters. For example, I do not think that grouping together extrinsic allergic alveolitis, eosinophilic disorders, haemorrhagic syndromes, and transplantation related disorders in the same chapter ("Immunologic lung disease") facilitates its use as a bench book. I consider it rather artificial and not particularly useful to separate acute interstitial pneumonia from diffuse alveolar damage (chapter 2). The content of the book largely reflects the considerable "hands on" experience of the authors, which is one of its main strengths. The

chapter on pneumoconiosis appears to me to be the weakest, where I suspect that the authors do not have as much experience. It is confused and contains some inaccuracies—for example, the authors do not seem to appreciate that progressive massive fibrosis is arbitrarily diagnosed from size and that in *silicosis* it is typically formed by conglomeration of nodules and is not histologically distinct from conglomeration. The book has ample illustrations but unfortunately several appear darker than in the first edition, which obscures the detail. It is well referenced, including many citations from 1988 and 1989. The aim of the book is "to provide a working atlas for the surgical pathologist." This it largely achieves. My criticisms are minor; I am sure that pathologists should buy it and will find it an extremely useful book.—ARG

NOTICES

The third International Conference on Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Home Mechanical Ventilation will be held at the Denver

Hyatt, 10–13 March 1991. There will be concurrent workshops on home ventilator care and pulmonary rehabilitation. The deadline for abstracts for oral and poster symposia is 15 October 1990. The conference is sponsored by National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in conjunction with the American College of Chest Physicians (programme chairman Dr Barry Make). For information contact Adele Gelfand (conference coordinator), at the Center, 1400 Jackson Street, Denver, Colorado 80206, USA.

Register of primary immune deficiencies

As in other European countries, a register of all patients with primary immune deficiencies in the UK is being compiled. This is being organised by Dr J Gooi, Immunology Department, Blood Transfusion Service, Bridle Path, Leeds LS15 7TW. So that complete coverage can be achieved, it would be appreciated if any physicians or general practitioners who have not already been contacted and who are currently managing such patients could send details of their patients to Dr Gooi. Registration forms are available from Dr Gooi (0532 645091) or from Dr H Chapel, Immunology Department, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU (0865 817305).