

BOOK REVIEW:

Böcking Alfred, Motherby Helma: Multimedia IAP Lehr- und Lernsoftware "Ergusszytologie einschließlich adjuvanter Methoden". e-mail: pathologie@IAP-Bonn.de, 2001, Price: 150,- DM

Diagnostic cytology of pleural effusions is a difficult task, and only a few centers possess sufficient number of specimens for training and education. Therefore, this CD-ROM is of great benefit for our students and young colleagues who really have the chance to train themselves by use of modern information exchange media. This CD-ROM is based upon the outstanding experience of Dr. Böcking, and includes all aspects of modern diagnostic cytology. The CD-ROM starts with basic findings such as anatomy and physiology of the mesothelial cells, followed by pathogenetic consideration and clinical relevance of pleural effusions. The description of laboratory techniques can be found as well as general aspects of cytological diagnosis. The center is, of course, the representation of the specific appearance of cells which are of diagnostic significance in pleural effusions. Additional diagnostic tools such as static DNA analysis and AgNOR measurements are included. The CD-ROM can be used for teaching/learning purposes and/or as a diagnostic tool in difficult cases present. A compartment of interactive learning with included questionnaire and presentation of correct answers supports the use for education. The CD-ROM is – to our knowledge – the first electronic medium designed for education and diagnostic assistance which fulfills daily requirements to a high degree. It thus can be recommended without reservations.

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