

Book Review

Current Concepts of the Histology of Oral Mucosa

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This is an interesting book and especially so for individuals whose concern is oral disease. It provides excellent insight into the most recent information on normal oral mucosa and will allow anyone the opportunity to understand updated thinking regarding the structure and function of oral mucosa. Often people involved with pathological processes are unable to remain abreast of investigative progress involving development, maturation and function of the tissue with which they work. Here under one cover is a description that will suit the needs of these people and by performing this task the book can add measurably to the study of oral mucosa, both normal and pathologic.

The seventeen separate presentations are divided into three categories. These include: oral epithelium, the connec-

tive tissue of oral mucosa and physiological aspects of the oral mucosa. The topics under scrutiny range from newer knowledge of epithelial keratinization to the innervation of oral mucosa traced from terminal endings to their central extension in the brain and cerebral cortex.

This book is an excellent preparation on oral soft tissues. One need not be concerned that the publisher's error, in substituting the word "history" for "histology" in the title on the spine of the jacket, heralds interior problems. There are no serious shortcomings in this book and it is a worthy addition to scientific writing. It comes as a pleasant reaffirmation at a time when symposia and their proceedings have tended to inundate the biomedical sciences.

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