Introduction

As mentioned in the Preface there is now an enormous body of literature on bone, the skeleton and its disorders ranging from genetic mutations and anomalies, environmental, nutritional and life-style factors to the effects of acute and chronic acquired conditions and to the influence of the wear and tear which accompany aging. Equally impressive numbers of articles dealing with treatment of bone disorders from infancy and childhood to old-age have also been published.

It is clearly impossible to include more than a fraction of all these studies relating to treatment – which in turn range from in vitro experiments to animal studies to case reports to results of treatment in small numbers of patients to national and international trials.

Consequently we have included a list of books which should provide most of the original references on the subjects covered in the text; and we have supplemented this list with a selection of references published during the late nineties as well as from the literature search on the bisphosphonates from January 2000 to January 2007, as many of these are not included in the list of books provided.

Since computer searches from the Medline and other bases are now readily available world-wide, more detailed information is also within everybody’s reach on any particular aspect of bone, its disorders, their prevention and treatment.

Moreover, numerous articles on various aspects of disorders of bone and of therapy with the latest bisphosphonates have been published in 2007. Results of some of these are included in the text and the articles themselves are cited in the literature survey of the dealing with that particular topic.

Books

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