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BOOK REVIEW

Title: SYMPOSIUM ON SPORTS MEDICINE — THE KNEE (AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS)
Editor: Gerald Finerman, MD
Publishers: The C. C. Mosby Company, 1985
Price: £55   **Hard back**   **243 pages**   **Index**   **Illustrations**   **ISBN 0-8016-0025-1**

This is a 243 page book resulting from a Symposium held in Denver, Colorado in April 1982, and addresses a variety of topics concerned with knee injuries. These are as diverse as the physiologic basis for athletic training; the adaptability of skeletal muscle to altered patterns of physical activity; and the current status of prosthetic anterior cruciate ligament repairs.

Much of the book is specifically directed to the problem of ligament injury and repair, and the content is generally both an excellent review of previous work and clinical practice; and a good perspective of current (1982) research and advances. I particularly liked the chapters on determination of patellofemoral contact pressures where one aspect of the investigation related pressures to patella geometry and found no correlation between the Wiberg morphology and contact pressure: and, biomechanical function of knee ligaments using Buckle transducers. However it seems invidious to highlight just these two since there are many others which are also first class.

Overall, this is an excellent book which I would recommend to all concerned with this interesting area of orthopaedic practice.

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BOOK REVIEW

Title: CHONDROMALACIA OF THE PATELLA
Editors: J. C. Pickett and E. L. Radin
Publishers: Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore/London
Price: \$23   **Hard Cover**

This volume of 155 pages is the published proceedings of a small symposium held in 1981. "This volume contains the formal presentations of the participants, the discussion among themselves, and the answers to the questions from the audience of over 200 orthopaedic surgeons".

The participants themselves were selected for their international reputation in the subject and included pathologists such as George Meachim from Liverpool and surgeons such as Professor John Goodfellow from Oxford as well as 5 American orthopaedic surgeons, and two from Europe.

I was given the book to review as I had an intimate acquaintance with the condition at the time and wished to know more about this mysterious condition. The book is well illustrated with diagrams and top quality black and white photographs of X-Rays, microscope sections and arthroscopy views of the knee joint as well as operative photographs.

A great deal of experimental work is well presented on topics such as "Can articular cartilage heal?".

I found it a fascinating and well produced book. The discussion was particularly interesting and the poor relationship between symptoms and pathological changes well ventilated.

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