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BOOK REVIEW

Title: MEASUREMENT OF JOINT MOVEMENT in CLINICS IN RHEUMATIC DISEASES SERIES, VOL. 8, NO. 3
Editor: V. Wright
Price: £11.75 204 pages Hard back

This multi-author book reviews each joint in turn, with introductory literature and historical summary followed by a critical evaluation of current techniques and practice.

It is rapidly clear to the clinical reader that his standard practice falls far short of scientific ideals, but there is often a difference between simple clinical criteria and exact laboratory measures. As the chapter on hand function best shows, even the precisest measurements can be inadequate reflections of function — hence the plea for functional assessments to accompany scientific measurement in clinical practice.

This volume is essential for all joint measurers, even though it often begs more questions than it resolves. The Heath Robinson qualities of many of the measurement methods surely invite error in the rough and tumble of the clinic by putting too precise values on what are rather fallible and variable techniques outside strictly controlled circumstances. For instance, while it seems that subtalar joint range is relatively accurately measurable in a purpose-built stirrup, it would be important to assess the accuracy and reproducibility of the simple clinical methods used in podiatric practice: also, only one mention each is made of diurnal and ambient temperature effects on joint mobility.

It may well be that sports scientific studies will lead the way into the new investigative technologies for clinicians to follow and it is significant that few of this volume’s reviews record studies based on computerised TV or cine movement analyses which must surely, finance permitting, be the route to more accurate assessment.

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