

A World Guide to Infections: Diseases, Distribution, Diagnosis

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Mary E. Wilson : A World Guide to Infections: Diseases, Distribution, Diagnosis before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A World Guide to Infections: Diseases, Distribution, Diagnosis:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A little out-of-date, but a great resource!By Dr. Stephen Blythe (traveldoc@travelhealth.com)I am anxiously awaiting a new edition of Mary Wilson's fantastically useful text. Every travel health library should have a copy! The diseases-by-country listings are probably a little out-of-date, but the guidelines on evaluating the returned traveler with fever, with rash, with eosinophilia, etc, are tremendous overviews.

This unique guidebook and reference will enable physicians to develop an informed differential diagnosis of patients who have lived or traveled in other countries or who have had exposures that could lead to infections with unusual or unfamiliar pathogens. It draws together information from many diverse sources in an accessible format that will foster a logical clinical method. The first section of the book outlines a systematic approach to the patient's history, analyzing factors that affect probability of infection, with an evaluation of clinical findings. The second section presents a profile of infectious diseases for every major geographic area of the world, giving supplemental information for each country discussed. The third part describes key features, including epidemiology, clinicopathologic findings, diagnosis, and management of 235 infections. Valuable appendix materials define important terms and give practical information on incubation periods, vectors, transmission via blood transfusion and pathogens in foods.

"A World Guide to Infections is an extremely important contribution to medical practice in the 1990s. The unprecedented growth, scope and diversity of international travel virtually ensures that most, if not all physicians will have increasing need for practical guidance about a large array of countries and unfamiliar infections. Elegantly and concisely, with astounding completeness, Mary Wilson presents a highly creative, systematic and extremely practical approach to the real-world and worldwide complexity of infectious diseases. This book is at once a text, a compendium, and a thoughtful guide to interactions between infectious agents and people in the modern world. A World Guide to Infections will immediately become the standard reference--all clinicians practicing in the 1990s should own, or at least have access to this book." --Dr. Jonathan Mann, Harvard School of Public Health and Director, International AIDS Center, Harvard AIDS Institute

"A staggeringly detailed, up-to-date and competent treatment of the very complicated subject of which infections occur where . . . This will be an essential reference work for every medical library and . . . will be bought by the increasing numbers of physicians, travel clinics, student health clinics etc. who have to deal with imported disease." --Prof. D.A. Warrell, Nuffield Dept. of Clinical Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, U.K.

"Very well organized and contains an immense amount of information. . . It is hard to imagine a more comprehensive overview. . . The book will be invaluable for clinicians facing the daunting problem of correctly diagnosing rare and frequently imported infectious diseases. It will be also very useful for infectious disease epidemiologists." --Epidemiology

"A remarkably useful book to assist the perplexed physician. . . Should occupy a ready place in the personal library of any physician who deals with immigrants and travelers." --Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice

". . . fascinating and extremely informative. . . This book should be and essential reference base for all infectious diseases physicians and for anyone interested in travel or geographic medicine. . . Overall, this is an excellent volume which deserves to become a standard reference for geographic and travel diseases. . . the author can only be congratulated for the enormous effort and obvious interest which she has devoted to her task." --Virus Information Exchange Newsletter

"The book is well-conceived. It is easy to read and simple to cross-reference disease to location....It makes it simple for the reader to start from any section of the text and obtain information based on symptomology, geographic location or disease entity. The use of area maps is necessary and coding them for at least the major diseases is of enormous benefit to those of us who are less geographically literate. The material covered is extensive and its presentation unique....This book will be useful primarily as a reference text for the physician caring for patients who have lived or travelled abroad and for the infectious disease consultant unfamiliar with the vast array of tropical infectious diseases and their distributions. It will also serve as a valuable reference for emergency departments where international travellers and foreign nationals often present for medical care." --Journal of Wilderness Medicine

"Clinicians interested in a selected disease, or in a specific ethnic group, or in a definite area will find easily the information they need. The whole book, however, represents interesting and well documented reading for physicians having to deal with unfamiliar medical conditions." --Migration and Health Newsletter

"Dr. Mary Wilson has written - as a sole author! - a remarkably useful book to assist the perplexed physician: A World Guide to Infections. [It] should occupy a ready place in the personal library of any physician who deals with immigrants and travelers. Bravo, Mary Wilson!" --IDCP Editors' Forum

"Wilson is to be congratulated on the well-designed, well-referenced, and informative chapters on the global spectrum of infectious agents. Each chapter is organized in a logical way. The book ends with several appendixes that are of practical value. This is a useful book for the practicing physician. It makes seeking further help a lot easier." --The New England Journal of Medicine

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