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Medical laboratory manual for tropical countries. Volume 1.

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Abstract : This book is designed as a manual for laboratory technicians in primary health care and referral hospitals in tropical countries. It could be used for training and as a reference by many of the technicians who work in isolated conditions. It has been produced with encouragement from WHO, from the UK Overseas Development Administration, and from many organizations concerned with improving the health services of tropical countries throughout the world. Section I (pp. 1 to 72) gives instructions on the setting up and equipping of a clinical pathology laboratory.

(pp. 75 to 122) gives a brief summary of the anatomy and physiology of the Section III (pp. 123 to 294) describes medical parasitology. Section IV (pp. 31 describes clinical chemistry in simple terms. There is one appendix on the p reagents, a second giving addresses of manufacturers and a third giving va tables. There is also a detailed index of 22 pp. In addition, a pocket contains useful tables and parasite pictures which can be affixed to the laboratory w reference. The section on medical parasitology lists all the protozoan and h parasites (also arthropods) of medical importance and it describes general t their diagnosis including the collection of sera for immunological tests and, i the techniques of the tests themselves. A brief account is given of each par identification. All these are illustrated by clear line drawings and, in the case parasites, by coloured plates. In most cases these accounts of techniques a but on p. 277 it may be questioned why the widely used technique of exam stained blood films for microfilariae is "not recommended". Also, on p. 278 t reference to the "nocturnal" subperiodic strain of *W. bancrofti* (found in te F which may be a misprint for "diurnal". After each parasite or group of paras bibliography of recommended reading is added. Taken as a whole the secti Parasitology is excellent and it will be a great help to laboratory technicians Tropics.

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