

Book Review

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This is a complete and excellent review, as are usually the papers published in *Clinics in Haematology*. The nine chapters are written by British, Danish, German and South-African authors, all of them specialists in this subject.

It is not possible to analyse a review, but useful to note the chapters which will be of interest to the reader: biochemistry of the porphyrins;

clinical features, pathogenesis and management of acute hepatic porphyrias; cutaneous porphyrias; porphyria variegata; congenital porphyria. One chapter has been devoted to porphyrias in animals, another to drugs and porphyrias. *G.H. Elder* summarizes the methodologies used for diagnosis of porphyrin metabolism in diseases other than porphyria: lead and alcohol intoxication, sideroblastic anemias (unfortunately the porphyrin metabolism abnormalities in this last group of diseases are only discussed on one page).

Every chapter ends with a large bibliography. Further, the index at the end of this book may be very useful.

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