

We consider that in our case the seronegative arthritis completely differed from RA in terms of the pathogenesis. Although in previous reports both have often been lumped together as *arthritis*, we suggest that a distinction should be made between seronegative arthritis and RA.

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## BOOK REVIEW

*Textbook of Contact Dermatitis*. 3rd edition. R. J. G. Rycroft, T. Menné, P. J. Frosch and J.-P. Lepoittevin, eds. Berlin: Springer Verlag, 2001.

This is the third and well-motivated edition of this textbook within less than 10 years. Since the second edition, the book has grown and now includes 46 chapters written by world-leading authors in their respective fields. The increased number of chapters reflects the expansion in both clinical and research interest in contact dermatitis. The book, which is up to date and covers all aspects of contact dermatitis, starts with a historical review and then continues with three sections describing the basic mechanisms of allergic and irritant contact dermatitis, molecular aspects, pathology including epidemiology and dermatotoxicology, including skin penetration and predictive testing. The last

three parts of the book cover clinical aspects of contact dermatitis, diagnostic testing and, finally, extensive coverage of allergens related to specific exposure. In addition, prevention, legislation and computers in the management of contact dermatitis are discussed. The final chapter comprises a comprehensive list of patch test concentrations and vehicles for testing contact allergens.

This edition of the *Textbook of Contact Dermatitis* is highly recommended for reading but it is also an outstanding reference textbook for all persons active in the field of contact dermatitis.

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