

(self-reported and measured) of functional status is emphasized repeatedly. Depression, not considered a normal part of aging, may play an important role in chronic pain and impaired physical functioning. This section of the book reinforces the concept that mental health is an essential component of the evaluation and treatment of persistent pain.

Part IV deals with the treatment of persistent pain. The discussion of oral analgesic agents is particularly on point and contains reasonable and clinically appropriate recommendations. However, some mention of addiction, in contrast to pseudo-addiction, which occurs in patients of all ages who are treated with opioids, would have been beneficial.

In part V, the chapter on peripheral neuropathies and postherpetic neuralgia is authoritative and informative and includes evidence-based recommendations for therapeutic options. The chapter on postoperative pain management makes a convincing case for the importance of improving analgesia after surgery in older patients. The authors correctly point out the physical, mental, humanitarian, and economic effects that aggressive pain management would have in older surgical patients. The discussion of the control of cancer pain and of end-of-life issues is truncated, but since these topics can fill whole books all by themselves, brevity in this book is understandable. As is pointed out, reliance on the World Health Organization's three-step "ladder" for the relief of cancer pain — or all types of pain, for that matter — has grown increasingly problematic as therapeutic options have narrowed in some areas (i.e., use of nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs and "weak" opioids) and expanded in others (i.e., interventional options).

Although *Pain in Older Persons* is a multiauthored book, there is little duplication of material; the cross-referencing of topics is done well. The information is timely and, where possible, recommendations are evidence-based. The publisher, editors, and authors should also be applauded for the much-needed change in the title from "elderly" to "older."

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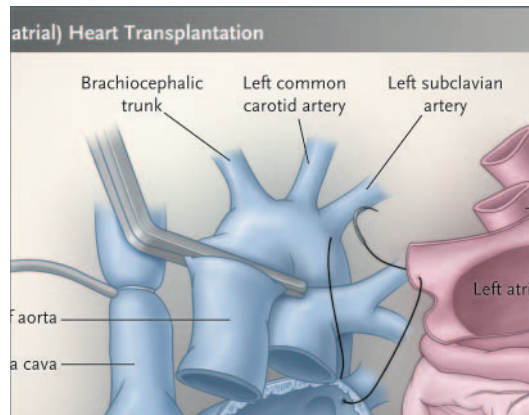
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CORRECTIONS

Spectrum of Disease and Relation to Place of Exposure among Ill Returned Travelers (January 12, 2006;354:119-30). In Table 3 on page 127, the value for Sub-Saharan Africa for the "Swimmer's itch" row should have been <1 per 1000, not 117 per 1000 as printed. This change so reduced the cumulative number of cases that the entire row should be deleted from the table. In Figure 2 on page 128, in the column labeled Sub-Saharan Africa, "Swimmer's itch" should be deleted, and the value for "Schistosomiasis" should be 55.6 per 1000, not 41.1 per 1000 as printed.

Ascites and Renal Dysfunction in Liver Disease: Pathogenesis, Diagnosis, and Treatment (June 22, 2006;354:2733-4). On page 2733 of the book review by Bass, the figure legend should have read, "Photomicrograph of a Human Liver," not "Photomicrograph of a Cirrhotic Human Liver" as printed. We regret the error.

Taking Heart — Cardiac Transplantation Past, Present, and Future (July 20, 2006;355:231-5). In the figure shown on page 233, the labels for the arteries at the top of Panels A and B should read from left to right "Brachiocephalic trunk," "Left common carotid artery," and "Left subclavian artery," not "Left subclavian artery," "Left common carotid artery," and "Brachiocephalic trunk," as printed. A portion of the revised figure is shown here. The figure has also been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at www.nejm.org.



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