

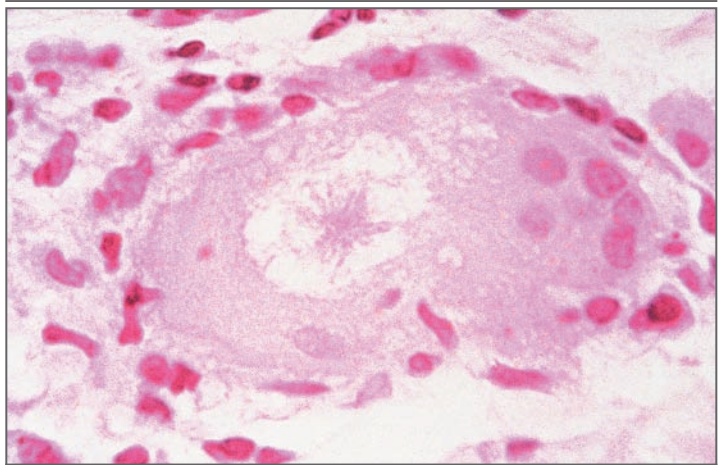
DIFFUSE PARENCHYMAL LUNG DISEASE

(Progress in Respiratory Research. Vol. 36.)
 Edited by Ulrich Costabel, Roland M. du Bois, and Jim J. Egan.
 348 pp., illustrated. Basel, Switzerland, Karger, 2007. \$230.
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THE EDITORS OF *DIFFUSE PARENCHYMAL LUNG Disease*, the latest book in the Progress in Respiratory Research series from Karger, have chosen a title that incorporates the multiple previous designations for interstitial lung disease. From the seminal descriptions by Averill Liebow and Charles Carrington, through the revisions by Anna-Luise Katzenstein and Jeffrey Myers, acronyms and classifications have been an integral part of the history of interstitial lung disease. For example, a PubMed search performed in December 2007 (with the limits “humans” and “English”) revealed the following citations for widely used terms: more than 25,000 items for interstitial lung disease, more than 1600 items for diffuse interstitial lung disease, more than 300 items for infiltrative lung disease, and more than 300 items for diffuse parenchymal lung disease. Notably, semantics are not the only concepts that are advancing in the field of interstitial lung disease.

With contributions from international experts on interstitial lung disease, the editors have divided the topic of the book into four sections. The first is devoted to classifications, with attention to clinical and histopathologic features. Much of this section is a general overview. The second section deals with “basic aspects,” whereas the third and fourth sections deal with specific phenotypes, pediatrics, and lung transplantation. The first, third, and fourth sections have managed, by and large, to be clinically useful without being either superficial or overly dense. The chapters in the third section, which focus on individual diseases, are well presented and clearly written. The last two chapters of the book are discussions of interstitial lung diseases in children and of lung transplantation, and they will be much appreciated by a diverse range of readers.

A compelling strength of this volume comes from the five chapters in the second section, “Basic Aspects.” Devoted to recent and emerging data regarding genetics and pathobiology, these chapters balance the clinical topics that are discussed in the other sections of the book. They also set the stage for future strides that may be made in understanding the pathogenesis of interstitial lung disease and for the potential dis-



Photomicrograph Showing an Asteroid Body in Sarcoidosis.

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covery of therapeutics that can be applied across multiple disciplines.

Overlap in a book like this one is unavoidable, but here it is mostly confined to the chapters in the first section. The chapter on histopathology could have benefited from larger color images rather than the small black-and-white images that are included. A few chapters that do feature quality histopathology panels in color make up for this drawback. The radiographic images are better than the histopathologic images, but they also vary in quality. Additional schematic models might have enhanced the descriptions as a reference for those who are less familiar with the rapidly expanding list of newer terms and pathways. Overall, however, this timely and comprehensive volume should generate broad appeal and excitement regarding future possibilities in the treatment and understanding of diffuse parenchymal lung disease.

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CORRECTIONS

Superior Vena Cava Syndrome with Malignant Causes (May 3, 2007;356:1862-9). The last line of the paragraph under the Surgery heading (page 1867) should have read “A curative approach generally involves preoperative chemotherapy, surgical resection and reconstruction, and postoperative radiotherapy.¹⁷” rather than “radiotherapy.¹⁵” The text has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at www.nejm.org. We regret the error.

A Critical Appraisal of "Chronic Lyme Disease" (October 4, 2007; 357:1422-30). The footnote under the author list (page 1422) should have read "Other members of the Ad Hoc International Lyme Disease Group who were authors are listed in the Appendix." The beginning of the Appendix (page 1429) should have read "The following members of the Ad Hoc International Lyme Disease Group were also authors." The text has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at www.nejm.org.

NOTICES

Notices submitted for publication should contain a mailing address and telephone number of a contact person or department. We regret that we are unable to publish all notices received. Notices also appear on the Journal's Web site (www.nejm.org/meetings). The listings can be viewed in their entirety or searched by location, month, or key word.

CRONH'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

The 2008 IBD Education Symposium, entitled "Knowledge Is Power: Control Today, Cure Tomorrow," will be held in Rosemont, IL, on March 29. It is presented by CCFA Illinois Chapter and supported by the University of Chicago School of Medicine.

Contact CCFA Illinois Chapter, 2200 E. Devon Ave., Suite 351, Des Plaines, IL 60018; or call (847) 827-0404 or (800) 886-6664; or see <http://cme.uchicago.edu/courses>.

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The Annual Meeting, entitled "Hospital Medicine 2008," will be held in San Diego, CA, April 3–5.

Contact the Society of Hospital Medicine, 190 N. Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19104; or call (800) 843-3360; or fax (215) 351-2536; or e-mail customerservice@hospitalmedicine.org; or see <http://www.hospitalmedicine.org/hospitalmedicine2008>.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THORACIC SURGERY

The following meetings will be held: "Aortic Symposium 2008" (New York, May 8 and 9) and "88th Annual Meeting" (San Diego, CA, May 10–14).

Contact the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915; or call (978) 927-8330; or e-mail aats@prri.com; or see <http://www.aats.org>.

MAYO CLINIC

The following courses will be offered: "Mayo Echocardiography Review Course for Boards and Recertification" (Rochester, MN, March 15–18); "An Overview of Perioperative Medicine" (Rochester, MN, March 27–29); "Menopausal Medicine" (Albuquerque, NM, March 27–29); "15th Annual Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Conference" (Rochester, MN, April 28 and 29; post conference workshop, April 30); "Controversies in Cardiovascular Disease" (St. Paul, MN, May 3 and 4); "Current Topics in Noninvasive Cardiovascular Imaging" (La Jolla, CA, June 22–27); "Diagnostic Imaging in Alaska — Hubbard Glacier Cruise" (Seattle, Aug. 15–22); "Mayo Clinic Pediatric Days" (Chicago, Sept. 15 and 16); and "Advances in Diagnostic Radiology — Mediterranean Cruise" (Rome, Sept. 5–12).

Contact Mayo School of CME, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905; or call (507) 280-2509 or (800) 323-2688; or fax (507) 284-0532; or see <http://www.mayo.edu/cme>; or e-mail cme@mayo.edu.

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The group is seeking members for its symphony orchestra and chorus. A concert will be performed during the American College of Physicians Annual Meeting, to be held in Washington, DC, May 15–17.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The following courses will be offered in Minneapolis/St. Paul area: "Topics and Advances in Pediatrics" (March 27 and 28); "Allergy and Clinical Immunology" (April 4); "Cardiac Arrhythmias: An Interactive Update for Primary Care" (April 4); "Genitourinary Reconstruction" (April 17 and 18); "Lillehei Symposium: Cardiovascular Care for Primary Physicians" (April 28 and 29); "Aging Skin" (May 9); "Family Medicine Update 2008" (May 12–16); "Workshops in Clinical Hypnosis" (May 29–31); "Advances in Trauma and Critical Care Surgery" (June 4–7); "Annual Psychiatry Review: Compulsivity, Impulsivity and Addictions" (September 8 and 9); "Update in Critical Care" (September 11 and 12); "Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health Autumn Seminar" (September 29 and 30); "Twin Cities Sports Medicine Conference" (October 3 and 4); "Geriatric Trauma Summit" (October 9–11); "Borderline Personality Disorder" (October 18 and 19); "E.T. Bell Fall Pathology Symposium" (November 7); and "Heart Failure: The Update" (November 14 and 15).

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The following meetings will be held in Toronto: "8th Annual Toronto Breast Surgery Symposium" (April 17); "Update in General Surgery" (April 17–19); "Pearls in Surgical Paediatric Ophthalmology: Hospital for Sick Children" (April 18); "38th Annual Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Symposium" (April 18 and 19); "34th Annual Toronto Thoracic Surgery" (June 6 and 7); "Toronto Breast Cancer Symposium 2008" (June 12 and 13); and "Cardiovascular Pathology: Current Concepts" (July 25–27).

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Contact Venus Watson, HMS Center for Palliative Care, 44 Binney St., SW411, Boston, MA 02115; or call (617) 582-7859; or e-mail pallcare@partners.org; or see <http://www.hms.harvard.edu/cdi/pallcare>.

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