

LARGE INTESTINE TEXTBOOK

The Large Intestine: Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Disease, edited by Sydney F Phillips, John H Pemberton and Roy G Shorter (1991). Raven Press, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.

This text on the large intestine is worthwhile for anyone interested in having an up-to-date reference on all aspects of large intestinal function and disease. Doctors Phillips, Pemberton and Shorter from the Mayo Clinic have brought together a 'who's who' of investigators to deal with large intestinal function, which leads to the strength of the text and its broad coverage of all aspects of large intestinal function. The only negative comment one could make is that inflammatory bowel disease is only covered in three chapters, leading to a fairly superficial discussion of these disorders. However, since whole textbooks are available regarding inflammatory bowel disease, this book is recommended for those interested in other aspects of large intestinal function and dysfunction. It is a well written, up-to-date text. It can be recommended to anyone interested in a comprehensive reference on large intestinal physiology and pathophysiology.

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