respiratory) are summarized with the aim to help clinicians to prevent and manage them effectively.

Together with already existing guidelines (1, 2) a practical guide presented in this article could help clinicians to further improve the effectiveness of cancer pain management with morphine and the quality of supportive care received by cancer patients.

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book review

THE ROLE OF CELL ADHESION MOLECULES IN COMMUNICATION AMONG CELLS

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Have you had any idea what infuriated around two hundred cells of your blood vessel this morning and why have two cells of intestinal epithelium "decided" to become immortal? Of course you have not, since we do not communicate with our cells. Is this really just so? You will find answers on these and many other questions in the publication, which I am about to present you with a pleasure on this occasion.

The book discusses the function of adhesive molecules not only in the system- and organ regulation but also locally, on the level of barely a few cells. I must admit that I have not read recently some professional literature all in a breath and with such a curiosity. If it was not scientifically founded and based on material proofs, it might have been highly placed in the genre of science fiction. Knowledge to which I came by reading of known events effected that my lectures to medical students in physiology are not any more sketched on former models. As a source of new knowledge it is simply incredible how inexhaustible this field of research is, which is not going to delight us only with new inter-

estingly but will also give answers on series of - so far unanswered - questions. The greatest benefit is that, after an established "diagnosis", comes a period of practical application of the obtained results, which will undoubtedly have repercussions to the extension of the human life and its quality.

Therefore, I highly recommend this book not only to people in medicine, but also to colleagues in biology, chemistry, genetics and many other fields since the matter and style, which are easily to be understood, and the way of presentation, are attainable to their comprehension, too.


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