

# Rabies

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*Rabies* is a welcome summary of new discoveries, methods and techniques. The excellent chapter on molecular biology by Wunner distils the plethora of papers which have emerged over the last decade. Jean Smith reveals the detailed epidemiological information which is now derived from genetic typing of lyssaviruses. The chapter on the epidemiology of infection is dominated by data from North America. The immunology section concentrates on experiments in mice. The clinical features of human 'survivors' of rabies encephalitis is an apt addition by Jackson, whose review of human disease also includes rabies-related lyssavirus infections. His comprehensive balanced chapter on pathogenesis details the fragments of data which have yet to explain the intriguing neuronal transport and effects of rabies virus *in vivo*. Trimarchi & Smith's experienced evaluation of diagnostic techniques is a unique practical laboratory guide. This is a valuable view of rabies as seen from North America rather than a global survey.

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