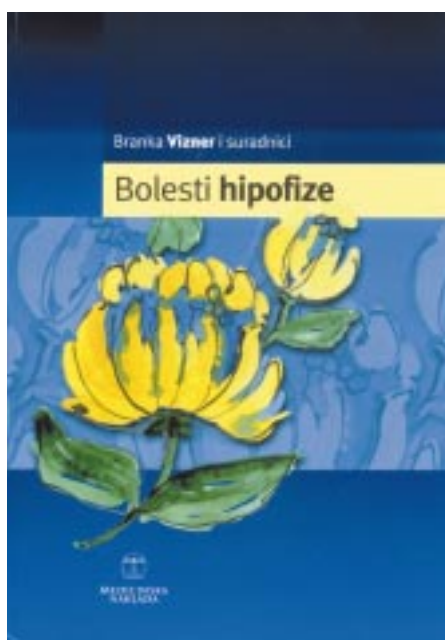


## BOOK REVIEW



**BOLESTI HIPOFIZE  
(PITUITARY DISEASES),  
Branka Vizner et al., editors,  
Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 2005, 314 pages.  
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The book *Bolesti hipofize (Pituitary diseases)* edited by Professor Branka Vizner and coworkers, was presented on June 29, 2005 in the Main Lecture Hall of Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital. The audience were addressed by Assist. Professor Radoslav Herman, director of Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital, while the book was presented by Professor Nada Čikeš, dean of the Zagreb University School of Medicine; Professor Miljenko Solter, head, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital; and Professor Mirko Koršić, principal book reviewer. The event was attended by numerous guests from Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital

and other institutions, renowned authorities in the fields of endocrinology and other medical specialties. The book had been approved by the Zagreb University Senate decision as a textbook, virtually the first ever textbook in the field of endocrinology in Croatia, which added to the event solemnity.

Professor Branka Vizner, the book editor, along with Academician Mladen Sekso was cofounder of the Center of Clinical Neuroendocrinology and Pituitary Diseases at Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital. The book reflects the work, ideas and professional attitudes of the Center intellectual core, and has resulted from the joint efforts of the authors with rich experience in the management of patients with pituitary diseases, those encountering a wide array of clinical cases on a daily basis, and those with scientific standing. The editorial policy clearly shows the role and scope of the contribution given by each of the carefully chosen and recognizable experts with authoritative and modern views. The book is an ambitious and most extensive work to date on the pituitary issues in Croatia. It provides both fundamental and target, specific information necessary for scientific research into the basic facts and clinical conditions related to pituitary diseases.

The issue of pituitary diseases is comprehensively and extensively elaborated in the book, including the anatomy; physiology; molecular genetics of pituitary tumors; clinical evaluation; complete laboratory, neuro-radiologic, neuro-ophthalmologic and neuropathologic diagnosis; neurosurgical, radiosurgical and radiation therapy; and thorough instructions for treatment and use of drugs in these patients. The book contains 21 chapters, 315 text pages documented by 32 tables, 16 graphic presentations, 145 photos, 37 drawings, and list and number of references.

In order to help reduce the time from the onset of disease to successful treatment and recovery for the patient, and this through upgrading the knowledge and level of information, the book has been primarily intended for postgraduate students in endocrinology, endo-

crinologists and neurosurgeons, as well as for all those interested in the issue, e.g., residents and specialists in internal medicine, neuroradiologists, anesthesiologists, neurologists, gynecologists, pediatricians, family physicians, and medical students.

Professor Branka Vizner noted that the book should be viewed as a "bad debt" to our professor and teacher,

Academician Mladen Sekso, who truly devoted all his life and career to his vocation. Having always asked more and better from his coworkers while transferring his love for the sick people and his great knowledge so selflessly to all those ready to adopt it, he created new enthusiasts in endocrinology and new teachers for the new students.

*Davorka Herman*