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Abstract : This monograph deals with all aspects of insect sting allergy, with special reference to stings from the social Hymenoptera (Apidae, Vespidae and Formicidae). The author makes the point that while aculeate Hymenoptera of other families cause very painful stings to people, repeated stings from the same species are in those cases unlikely that allergy to them is practically unheard of. Allergic reactions to bit

haematophagous Diptera, Hemiptera and other insect orders are covered by a brief introduction, the next chapter describes the Hymenoptera, particularly morphology and functioning of the sting, together with a detailed account of hymenopteran venoms. The following 3 chapters comprise the main part of the monograph, covering clinical presentation and pathogenesis of insect sting diagnosis, and its prophylaxis and therapy. A penultimate chapter refers to sucking as opposed to stinging insects and allergic reactions to their bites. The book closes with a 3-page chapter entitled "Open questions - unsolved problems". The roles of IgE and IgG in pathogenesis and diagnosis, and the future of immunotherapy are discussed. There is a somewhat inadequate index. In general, the material is presented in such a way as to make a highly technical subject accessible to a general reader, patients and clinicians.

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