

Book and journal reviews

Epigenetic Variants of the Human Skull by G. Hauser and G.F. deStefano. Stuttgart, Schweizerbart, 1989. 300 p.

It is a beautiful book indeed nicely and richly illustrated, accompanied by an excellent list of literature. It is a book that you will unmistakably need if you are interested to the epigenetic variants and its application.

It starts with an introduction on the biology of the characters, on their genetics, on their variations and medical relevance. According procedure is followed for each character and is required for comparability. A detailed but also a more simple analysis is proposed. Each character is described through its anatomy, function, embryology and development, genetics, medical relevance, methodology, within population variation, variation among populations. Statistical data are foreseen for all characters too. The following characters are described.

Types of characters

- A. Facial cavities
- B. Sutures (chape, persistence), sutural and fontanelle osicles
- C. Spines, tubercles, tori

- D. Notches, depressions, groovers, osseus bridges, foramina, canals
- E. Miscellaneous

Guide to the use of the atlas

- Indications to photographs
- Indications to the methodologies
- Indications to the references in the text and tables

General location of characters

- Frontal View
- Superior View
- Occipital View
- Basal View
- Internal View
- Mandible
- Laternal View

There is only one conclusion after reading this comprehensive and authoritative work: to recommend it.

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