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Imported Virus Infections

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Book Condition: New. Publisher/Verlag: Springer, Wien | Mobility of large parts of the human population, whether related to commercial necessity, touristic activities or to migration induced by war and social pressure, carried and carries the risk of spreading infections. Modern air travel effectively circumvents existing quarantine regulations as infected individuals thereby can reach almost every geographic location while still in the incubation phase of the disease. Hence, infections previously restricted to distinct regions due to their strict association with non-human reservoirs or vectors can suddenly surface in non-endemic areas where lacking experience and technical means make clinical and laboratory diagnosis difficult. Excellent examples for such situations are many vector- or rodent-borne viruses but also hepatitis viruses, the human immunodeficiency virus and, last but not least, filoviruses. The following articles are based on papers presented at an international symposium on "Imported Virus Infections" held at the Max von Pettenkofer Institute, University of Munich, Munich, Germany on March 31 to April, 1995. They illustrate today's knowledge on the epidemiology, dynamics of spread, as well as the frequently limited possibilities of prevention and therapeutic treatment of associated disease. Special emphasis was placed on filovirus infections which, as if to highlight the topics of...



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