## Introduction

This issue of the MCV/Q is a continuation of the first issue of this year, which was devoted to the subject of Immunology and the Rheumatic Diseases. Many of the papers presented at the 45th Annual McGuire Lecture Series were published in the first issue and this will complete those papers which were submitted for publication. In addition to subjects in the fields of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and infectious arthritis, papers covering immune complex reactions in SLE as well as delayed hypersensitivity are included. Because of recent advances in the study of histocompatibility antigens (W-27) in patients with connective tissue diseases, this subject is also discussed in this issue.

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