KERATAN SULPHATE
Chemistry, Biology, Chemical Pathology

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Keratan sulphate is unique, standing at a crossroads, sharing the potential of both typical glycoproteins and typical proteoglycans. In one direction lie immunology, cell development and oncogenesis; in the other, important roles in the ultrastructure and function of corneal, joints and intervertebral discs. This book, the first in the field, is the fruit of the first full international symposium on keratan sulphate. The challenge of new viewpoints produced controversy, but also much common ground; this is revealed by the edited discussions, grouped for continuity, which follow the main sections. The bibliography is collected into one section, providing much of the literature on keratan sulphate in one place.

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