

Twin Pregnancy With Intrauterine Death Of One Twin

Each year more than 4 million children are born with birth defects. This book highlights the unprecedented opportunity to improve the lives of children and families in developing countries by preventing some birth defects and reducing the consequences of others. A number of developing countries with more comprehensive health care systems are making significant progress in the prevention and care of birth defects. In many other developing countries, however, policymakers have limited knowledge of the negative impact of birth defects and are largely unaware of the affordable and effective interventions available to reduce the impact of certain conditions. *Reducing Birth Defects: Meeting the Challenge in the Developing World* includes descriptions of successful programs and presents a plan of action to address critical gaps in the understanding, prevention, and treatment of birth defects in developing countries. This study also recommends capacity building, priority research, and institutional and global efforts to reduce the incidence and impact of birth defects in developing countries. *Developmental and Fetal Origins of Differences in Monozygotic Twins: From Genetics to Environmental Factors* examines the major causes of discordance in monozygotic twins, from genetic, to environmental influences, including discussions on the genetic, epigenetic, fetal and environmental factors. Twin differences discussed include malformations, deformations and disruptions secondary to inequitable division of the

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early embryo, chromosome and single gene mosaicism, Nonrandom X chromosome inactivation, mitochondrial heteroplasmy, epigenetic variation, and variable and inequitable blood supply, among other influences. Differences in hemoglobin levels, placentation and amniotic fluid are also examined, while full color images illustrate discordant anomalies and twin differences throughout. Examines the major causes of discordance in monozygotic twins and their relevance for future studies and clinical management Discusses NIPT in MZ twins, twin imaging during fetal development, blood tests and forensic analysis Features contributions from international experts in twin genetics and developmental biology

This volume gathers insights from a variety of specialties-genetics, pediatrics, infectious diseases, neonatology, and obstetrical ultrasound-to present integrated protocols for detecting and treating a range of fetal disorders. The anomalies discussed in will be divided into those that are incompatible with life, those that require utero intervention, and those that require postnatal intervention. A detailed clinical protocol and management algorithm will be presented for each anomaly and include the following components: definition and classification; incidence and epidemiology; major principles of diagnosis; recommendations for in utero management; counseling and prognosis; and a bibliography.

Following on from the success of their previous standard textbook on Multiple Pregnancy, the authors have refocused their attention on prenatal assessment in

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multiple pregnancy and come up with condensed and revised material in a free-standing text. Multiple pregnancies are associated with higher levels of morbidity and fetal distress, and so effective and rapid diagnosis of problems is paramount. Those clinicians who would not have a practical application for all the aspects covered comprehensively in the earlier work will find this volume a clinically orientated and extremely useful addition to their working library.

"Non-Tubal Ectopic Pregnancy" is a comprehensive book, written in an organized and concise format. The book offers an immersion into non-tubal ectopic pregnancy and the reader is invited, chapter after chapter, to visit the most important aspects of non-tubal ectopic pregnancies. The book covers all aspects of non-tubal ectopic pregnancies including epidemiology, diagnosis, and management. Experts from all over the world have contributed to it, bringing the best from their research. The book presents the reader with the latest advances on non-tubal ectopic pregnancies.

Fetal and Neonatal Pathology presents in one volume an account of the pathological findings encountered when examining fetuses from the second and third trimester of pregnancy as well as in neonatal death. It provides essential clinical and physiological information and discusses the pathogenesis of pathological findings as a guide to the formulation of the appropriate method of investigation. The book is divided into two parts. The first deals with examination of the products of conception after termination of pregnancy for fetal anomaly. The range of pathological abnormality is described and its

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relevance discussed. Attention is drawn to the differences in pathological findings in specific conditions between the second and third trimester. The second part of the book is system orientated and describes and illustrates those pathological problems which are likely to be encountered in the fetus and neonate. Each chapter is introduced by a concise account of the development of that system. Where relevant there is also discussion of changes at birth as well as changes in normal function that may occur during the neonatal period. *Fetal and Neonatal Pathology* is primarily written for the morbid anatomist and histopathologist. It also provides a valuable source of reference for obstetricians, neonatologists and paediatricians. Its value as a working tool of reference is enhanced by effective cross-referencing between sections by both chapter and page number. 1

Since its introduction in 2012, cell-free (cf) DNA based Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) has been employed to test for fetal chromosome abnormalities, and gene mutations that lead to a variety of genetic conditions, by millions of pregnant women, in more than 90 countries worldwide. With *Noninvasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT): Applied Genomics in Prenatal Screening and Diagnosis*, Dr Lieve Page-Christiaens and Dr Hanns-Georg Klein have compiled the first authoritative volume on cfDNA NIPT methods and their clinical implementation. Provides a thorough, practical examination of the history of NIPT, NIPT laboratory techniques and bioinformatics, NIPT screening and diagnostics for a wide range of disorders and birth defects Presents leading,

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international experts who discuss the application of NIPT in early screening for common aneuploidies, fetal chromosome anomalies, autosomal trisomies, fetal blood group typing, and maternal constitutional and acquired copy number variants Includes full color imagery that enhances concept illustration, along with detailed descriptions of the benefits (and limitations) of NIPT Offers clinicians, researchers, genetic counselors and reproductive specialists of all kinds the required background information, methodologies and essential patient counseling techniques

The objective of this volume is to give an overview of the present state of the art of pediatric clinical pharmacology including developmental physiology, pediatric-specific pathology, special tools and methods for development of drugs for children (assessment of efficacy, toxicity, long-term safety etc.) as well as regulatory and ethical knowledge and skills. In the future, structural and educational changes have to lead back to a closer cooperation and interaction of pediatrics with (clinical) pharmacology and pharmacy.

This book provides comprehensive coverage of fetal medicine and is designed for MRCOG candidates.

This comprehensive guide to MRI of the pregnant patient presenting with fetal or maternal diseases provides a practical, hands-on approach to the use of state-of-the-art MRI techniques and the optimization of sequences. It analyzes data obtained from maternal and fetal MRI examinations, reviews fast imaging techniques, details pitfalls related to fetal MRI and assesses methods for improving image resolution. Fetal pathological conditions and methods

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of prenatal MRI diagnosis are discussed according to organ system and the literature is reviewed. Interpretation of findings and potential artifacts are thoroughly considered with the aid of numerous high-quality illustrations. The book will be a detailed resource for radiologists, obstetricians, neonatologists and geneticists, as well as any other practitioner who wishes to gain an in-depth understanding of fetal and maternal MRI. In addition, it will serve as a reference source for technicians, researchers and students, as well as for any specialist who is planning to set up a fetal and maternal MRI service.

Fully up to date, this new edition covers all aspects of care for women developing disorders during pregnancy.

Establishing the study of multiple pregnancy and the perinatal care of children from multiple births as a recognized specialty within maternal-fetal medicine, the first edition of Multiple Pregnancy was a landmark publication. Fully revised, this new Second Edition has been expanded to include more on epidemiology, biologic mechanisms, the impact of infertility treatments, prenatal diagnosis, and fetal therapy. The book presents all facets of the clinical, psychosocial, and practical issues of multiple gestation and the care of multiplets.

Stillbirth remains a sufficiently frequent outcome of pregnancy to pose great problems for clinicians, who have to treat extremely distressed patients. This concise but comprehensive book from an international team of contributors sets out clear guidelines for clinical procedures and patient management for the obstetrician, as well as the gynecologist and the gynecologic pathologist.

"What is going to happen to me?" Most patients ask this question during a clinical encounter with a health professional. As well as learning what problem they have (diagnosis) and what

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needs to be done about it (treatment), patients want to know about their future health and wellbeing (prognosis). Prognosis research can provide answers to this question and satisfy the need for individuals to understand the possible outcomes of their condition, with and without treatment. Central to modern medical practise, the topic of prognosis is the basis of decision making in healthcare and policy development. It translates basic and clinical science into practical care for patients and populations. Prognosis Research in Healthcare: Concepts, Methods and Impact provides a comprehensive overview of the field of prognosis and prognosis research and gives a global perspective on how prognosis research and prognostic information can improve the outcomes of healthcare. It details how to design, carry out, analyse and report prognosis studies, and how prognostic information can be the basis for tailored, personalised healthcare. In particular, the book discusses how information about the characteristics of people, their health, and environment can be used to predict an individual's future health. Prognosis Research in Healthcare: Concepts, Methods and Impact, addresses all types of prognosis research and provides a practical step-by-step guide to undertaking and interpreting prognosis research studies, ideal for medical students, health researchers, healthcare professionals and methodologists, as well as for guideline and policy makers in healthcare wishing to learn more about the field of prognosis.

This text covers all aspects of multiple pregnancy and delivery, beginning with the twinning process and genetic counseling. It covers surveillance of maternal and fetal well-being during gestation, maternal complications, and problems affecting fetal outcome. Anesthesia and postpartum management are covered as well as complications following multiple births. A Brandon Hill Title

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With an estimated 8,000 deaths per year in the United States from complications of UCA, an initial goal of 50% reduction of loss is possible. To achieve this goal requires the recognition by the obstetrical community of the issue. Recent research into circadian rhythms may help explain why UCA stillbirth is an event between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. Melatonin has been described as stimulating uterine contractions through the M2 receptor. Melatonin secretion from the pineal gland begins around 10:00 p.m. and peaks to 60 pg at 3:00 a.m. Serum levels decline to below 10 pg by 6:00 a.m. Uterine stimulation intensifies during maternal sleep, which can be overwhelming to a compromised fetus, especially one experiencing intermittent umbilical cord compression due to UCA. It is now time for the focus to be on screening for UCA, managing UCA prenatally, and delivery of the baby in distress defined by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as a heart rate of 90 beats per minute for 1 minute on a recorded nonstress test. The ability of ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to visualize UCA is well documented. The 18-20 week ultrasound review should include the umbilical cord, its characteristics, and description of its placental and fetal attachment. Bettye Wilson, MEd, R.T.(R)(CT), RDMS, FASRT Fellow of The American Society of Radiologic Technologist recommended in *RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY* March/April 2008, Vol. 79/No. 4 pg 333S-345S That an umbilical cord evaluation with sonography should include the appearance, composition, location, and size (and length) of the cord. In addition: Abnormal Insertion (in the placenta and fetus) Vasa Previa Abnormal composition (single umbilical artery) Cysts, Masses Hematoma Umbilical Cord Thrombosis Coiling (helices), collapse, knotting and prolapsed (funic presentation) Cord Events: Although many stillbirths are attributed to a cord accident, this diagnosis should be made with caution. Cord abnormalities,

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including a Nuchal Cord, are found in approximately 30% of normal births and may be an incidental finding. (American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Practice Bulletin 2009) According to NICHD's recent stillbirth study, UCA is a significant cause of mortality (10%). This finding is in agreement with other international UCA studies. (Bukowski et al. 2011) These histologic criteria identify cases of cord accident as a cause of stillbirth with very high specificity. (Dilated fetal vessels, thrombosis in fetal vessels, avascular placental villi.) (Pediatr Dev Pathol 2012) Finally, defining the morbidity (injury) of cord compression, such as fetal neurologic injury or heart injury identified with umbilical cord blood troponin T levels or pulmonary injury, is the next major area of investigation.

Richly illustrated and comprehensive in scope, *Obstetric Imaging, 2nd Edition*, provides up-to-date, authoritative guidelines for more than 200 obstetric conditions and procedures, keeping you at the forefront of this fast-changing field. This highly regarded reference covers the extensive and ongoing advances in maternal and fetal imaging in a concise, newly streamlined format for quicker access to common and uncommon findings. Detailed, expert guidance, accompanied by superb, high-quality images, helps you make the most of new technologies and advances in obstetric imaging. Features more than 1,350 high-quality images, including 400 in color. Helps you select the best imaging approaches and effectively interpret your findings with a highly templated, bulleted, at-a-glance organization. Reflects all the latest developments in the field, including genetics, open fetal surgery, fetal echocardiography, Zika virus, and 3D imaging, so you can provide the safest and most responsive care to both mother and fetus. Includes new chapters on Limbs and Bones Overview; Open Fetal Surgery; Biophysical Profile; Ultrasound Physics; Elastography; Doppler; MRI; Echogenic Bowel;

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Pregnancy of Unknown Location (PUL), Failed Pregnancy and Ectopic Pregnancy, Cesarean Scar Pregnancy; Cytomegalovirus (CMG), Rubella, Toxoplasmosis, Herpes, Varicella; and Congenital Syphilis; plus a new chapter on Zika Virus written by imaging experts from the "hot zone." Keeps you up to date with the latest developments in multimodality imaging and optimizing diagnostic accuracy from ultrasound, 3D ultrasound, Doppler, MRI, elastography, image-guided interventions, and much more.

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Pathology of Multiple Pregnancy collates case material from over 500 autopsies (including embryos) and 1200 placentas from twins, triplets, and higher multiples with selected literature on human multiple reproduction. It emphasizes important new concepts of pathophysiology

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and interpretation of less than ideal outcomes of multiple conception based on over 30 years experience in the field. Aspects of perinatal pathology unique to twins and higher multiples are emphasized, with practical suggestions for the service pathologist, including items of potential medico-legal significance. Controversial topics, such as the value of studies of concordance for diseases or malformations, and the significance of inter-twin anastomoses, are addressed and suggestions made for further investigation. A close working relationship between pathologists and clinical colleagues is encouraged by discussion of clinico-pathological correlations. And, the most recent discussions on mechanisms of twinning and genetic versus environmental influences on the development of twins are presented.

Written by leading fetal radiologists and maternal-fetal medicine specialists, with additional input from cardiologists, geneticists, and Doppler specialists, *Fundamental and Advanced Fetal Imaging* provides comprehensive, practical guidance on prenatal ultrasound and fetal MRI. This state-of-the-art 2nd Edition clearly presents the essential information you need on normal anatomy and techniques, screening of normal and abnormal conditions, and fetal malformations, helping you effectively evaluate obstetric patients and reach an accurate diagnosis for a wide variety of fetal anomalies.

This teaching atlas provides a comprehensive and practical overview of fetal ultrasound technology, providing up-to-date diagnosis and examination guidelines for all clinically important anomalies and diseases. Incorporating an impressive collection of sonographic images and plates, the book provides an invaluable visual aid in recognizing even the most difficult-to-interpret ultrasound findings.

Genetic Disorders and the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment, Seventh Edition is the

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eagerly awaited new edition of the discipline-leading text that has been at the forefront of diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of fetal genetic disorders for over 36 years. The seventh edition continues the long-established tradition of excellence that has become synonymous with this text. The book builds on the foundations of preconception and prenatal genetic counseling and the original pillars of prenatal diagnosis while also providing authoritative coverage of exciting developments in non-invasive genetic testing and rapidly developing molecular techniques, including microarray analysis and next generation sequencing, that are revolutionizing the field. Chapters are once again authored by internationally recognized authorities in the field of prenatal diagnosis. The editors have added three entirely new chapters to this edition to complement the complete revision of existing content. The three new chapters focus on non-invasive prenatal screening, placental genetics, and the psychology of prenatal and perinatal grief. The broad-ranging coverage and international scope will ensure that the new edition maintains its role as the major repository for information on all aspects of prenatal diagnosis. The editors have brought together an invaluable collection of evidence-based facts bolstered by knowledge and decades of experience in the field. Genetic Disorders and the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment, 7th Edition is a timely update to this world-leading text.

This book offers a comprehensive and clinically practical approach to ethics in the everyday practice of obstetrics and gynecology. The topics the authors address include: contraception, abortion, selective termination of multifetal pregnancies, gynecologic cancer, in vitro fertilization, surrogacy, prenatal diagnosis, fetal therapy, cephalocentesis, prematurity, HIV infection, and court ordered cesarean delivery. The issues involved in making decisions in

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many of these areas are a source of conflict, and lead to crisis between the physician and patient. One of the book's strengths is its emphasis on prevention and, if prevention fails, management, of the conflicts and crises which arise in these areas of medicine. The authors develop their preventative and management strategies on the basis of a framework for bioethics in the clinical setting. This framework is rigorously established and defended. The authors argue that four virtues -- self effacement, self sacrifice, compassion, and integrity -- generate the physician's obligation to protect and promote the patient's interest. They then identify the three types of patient's interests -- social role interests, subjective interests, and deliberative interests -- and they reinterpret the ethical principles of beneficence and respect for autonomy in terms of these. The concept of the fetus as patient, the physician's obligation to third parties, and the moral standing of fathers and family members are also addressed. The implications of their argument sets the stage for the discussions of prevention and management in the remaining sections of the book. Ethics in Obstetrics and Gynecology is a unique addition to the literature in both biomedical ethics and obstetrics and gynecology. It demonstrates that ethics should be regarded as an essential part of obstetrics and gynecology, and that clinical practice is incomplete without it.

The first book to synthesize relevant, critically reviewed data for application to the diagnosis and treatment of prenatal patients— updated and in full color A Doody's Core Title for 2011! 5 STAR DOODY'S REVIEW! "The book is comprehensive, concise, well illustrated, and an extremely valuable resource for perinatal healthcare providers....This book has rapidly become a go-to reference in the perinatal field and this new edition

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confirms its place as the gold standard in the field. Perinatologists will find this to be an essential part of their library. As more obstetric practitioners do investigative sonographic procedures in their offices, this book will be a valuable resource for them as well. The new edition is overdue and most welcome."--Doody's Review Service "This invaluable up-to-date reference is a must have guide especially in non-tertiary care centers where the various experts may not be readily available to further guide the family and plan the rest of the antepartum, peripartum and postpartum care."--Center for Advanced Fetal Care Newsletter Fetology: Diagnosis and Management of the Fetal Patient offers a cross-disciplinary approach that goes beyond the traditional boundaries of obstetrics, pediatrics, and surgery to help you effectively diagnose and treat fetal patients. Fetology considers the full implications of a fetal sonographic or chromosomal diagnosis—from prenatal management to long-term outcome—for an affected child. Here, you'll find all the insights you need to answer the questions of parents faced with a diagnosis of a fetal abnormality—and present them with a coordinated therapeutic plan. Features NEW! Full-color design NEW! Five new chapters on Adrenal Masses, Abdominal Cysts, Overgrowth, Mosaic Trisomy, and DiGeorge Syndrome NEW! Chapters summarizing contemporary approaches to first and second trimester screening for aneuploidy NEW! 3D ultrasound and MRI images: over 450 images clearly illustrate the diagnosis of anomalies with the latest, most precise imaging technology NEW! Key Points open each chapter, providing rapid review of a particular

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condition Highlighted treatment/management guidelines deliver quick access to practical, what-to-do information Each chapter, which covers a single anomaly, includes description of the medical condition, incidence, characteristic sonographic findings, differential diagnosis, best treatment during pregnancy, treatment of the newborn, expected outcome, and more Addresses gaps in our knowledge that highlight unmet clinical needs and areas for future research

The at a Glance series is popular among medical students and junior doctors for its concise and simple approach and excellent illustrations. Each bite-sized chapter is covered in a double-page spread with colour summary diagrams on the left page and explanatory text on the right. Covering a wide range of topics, books in the at a Glance series are ideal as introductory subject texts or for revision purposes, and are useful throughout medical school and beyond. Everything you need to know about Obstetrics and Gynaecology...at a Glance! Following the familiar, easy-to-use at a Glance format, and now in full-colour, Obstetrics and Gynaecology at a Glance is an accessible introduction and revision text for medical students. Fully revised and updated to reflect changes to the content and assessment methods used by medical schools, this at a Glance provides a user-friendly overview of obstetrics and gynaecology to encapsulate all that the student needs to know. This new edition of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at a Glance: Now features self-assessment case studies to increase clinical relevance and reinforce learning Includes new chapters on medico-legal issues to reflect latest advice

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in this area, and pregnancy in primary care, providing an overview of patient care Has increased coverage of miscarriage and pregnancy termination to better prepare students for these frequent rotation topics Contains full-colour artwork throughout, making the subject even easier to understand It's an invaluable resource for all medical students, junior doctors, nurses and midwives who need an introduction to obstetrics and gynaecology. Review of the previous edition "The text with accompanying visual aids is an excellent quick referral guide to nearly everything undergraduate students will meet during O+G. It has found the right level in terms of undergraduate content and has struck the right balance between full curricular coverage and avoiding unnecessary detail. I would not hesitate to recommend it to my students." Senior Lecturer, St George's Hospital Medical School Titles of related interest Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Third Edition Impey and Child 9781405160957 Lecture Notes: Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Third Edition Hamilton-Fairley 9781405178013 Obstetrics & Gynaecology: Clinical Cases Uncovered Cruickshank 9781405186711 Effectively evaluate obstetric patients with Fundamental and Advanced Fetal Imaging: Ultrasound and MRI! Written by an impressive roster of leading fetal radiologists and maternal-fetal medicine specialists, with additional input from cardiologists, geneticists, and Doppler specialists, this state-of-the-art reference explores how to obtain the maximum information from fetal ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging, so you can rule out pathologies with confidence – or identify them early enough to initiate the

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most appropriate interventions.

Gynecology is frequently changing due to extensive implementation of high technology in both, the diagnosis and management of gynecologic problems. General gynecologists, gynecologic endocrinologists, infertility specialists, gynecologic endoscopists, and gynecologic oncologists will find attractive, new information in this book.

With a foreword by John T. Queenan, MD, Professor and Chair Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington. Fetal medicine has emerged as a separate subspecialty over the last 30 years as a result of major advances in a number of areas, in particular ultrasound imaging, cytogenetics, molecular biology and biochemistry. The widespread use of antenatal screening and diagnostic tests has led to an increased need for obstetricians to have knowledge and skills in fetal medicine. This book provides the information that underpins training programmes in fetal medicine and integrates science and clinical disciplines in a practical and useful way. Basic science sections provide clinicians with a vital introduction to the new language of science that will help them understand new and development treatment options. Clinical sections include: the latest advances in prenatal screening; a systems-based presentation of the diagnosis and management of fetal malformations; complete coverage of common and rare fetal conditions including growth restriction, endocrine and platelet disorders, early pregnancy loss, and

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twins/multiple pregnancy. Highly illustrated with over 500 ultrasound scans and line drawings. International team of expert contributors. Features new self-assessment section. Written by an international team of experts. Shorter, more focused on fetal medicine Clinical sections written in an up-to-date, problem-based style Case studies and vignettes to illustrate clinical points More focus on important basic-science concepts, such as maternofetal cell trafficking, and the relevance to clinical management Expansion of information on bereavement due to fetal loss New self-assessment section

This report provides neonatal and perinatal mortality estimates by country, regional groupings and globally. For countries that do not have data, models were developed to estimate mortality. Since data on deaths come from a number of different sources, the methods used to obtain the estimates are also described. Country-specific estimates of stillbirth and early neonatal deaths are published here for the first time. Estimates of stillbirth deaths that occur during delivery (intrapartum) by regional groupings, as well as estimates of sex ratio in neonatal, early neonatal and stillbirth mortality for the developing world are also included.--Publisher's description.

This book highlights the impact of genital tract infections on female infertility, male infertility, and even veterinary infertility. A comprehensive source on genital infections essential for all infertility specialists is now at your hands.

The patient should not eat for 6 hours and drink for 2 hours before the examination.

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Fasting is necessary when examining the gallbladder because eating causes a contraction of the bladder. In other indications, the effect of eating or drinking is minimal or null.

Diagnostic techniques such as amniocentesis and ultrasound have expanded the armamentarium of prenatal diagnosis. As diagnostic techniques increase in accuracy, the demand for something other than selective termination of pregnancy will also increase. The ultimate goal of this line of research has always been fetal therapy, not just the ability to make the diagnosis. Fetal Therapy provides in-depth coverage of diagnostic techniques and therapies for fetal abnormalities. Photographs and line drawings illustrate the techniques discussed and concise tables make the data easy to find. It is the first book to cover emerging techniques for diagnosing fetal abnormalities with an essentially no-risk, noninvasive test of maternal blood at 7-8 weeks' gestation. In addition to up-to-date information on the latest technology in this field, the book also examines ethical issues from a historic perspective and ethical considerations in offering and recommending fetal therapy for the fetal patient. Bringing together new ideas and possibilities for new procedures Fetal Therapy explores the issues involved in expanding the applicability and availability of prenatal diagnosis and the options for treatment.

In Part I of Nutrition During Pregnancy, the authors call for revisions in recommended weight gains for pregnant women. They explore relationships between weight gain during pregnancy and a variety of factors (e.g., the mother's weight for height before pregnancy) and places this in the context of the health of the infant and the mother. They present specific target ranges for weight gain during pregnancy and guidelines for proper measurement. Part II addresses

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vitamin and mineral supplementation during pregnancy, examining the adequacy of diet in meeting nutrient needs during pregnancy and recommending specific amounts of supplements for special circumstances. It also covers the effects of caffeine, alcohol, cigarette, marijuana, and cocaine use and presents specific research recommendations.

Nowadays, nobody can imagine practicing obstetrics without using obstetrical ultrasound. Working in the prenatal diagnosis field requires dedication, patience, skills, experience, caution, and empathy. The concept of this book was guided by the desire to provide some help to the ultrasound operators. On a daily basis, they are confronted with the challenging task of ruling out or suspecting/confirming the diagnosis of fetal anomalies, either structural or chromosomal. The chapters of this book contain objective and exhaustive updated reviews of the pertinent literature, so that the reader would have a wide reference basis on each subject. Yet, many authors scan the fetus themselves or are directly involved with managing pregnancies with structural malformations or chromosomal anomalies. They kindly shared their personal experience and lessons learned over the years. This book is beneficial for all the professionals working in the prenatal diagnosis.

Short, concise summary of clinical and non-clinical aspects of obstetric analgesia and anaesthesia for trainees and seniors.

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