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The placenta is an organ that connects the developing fetus to the uterine wall, thereby allowing nutrient uptake, waste elimination, and gas exchange via the mother's blood supply. Proper vascular development in the placenta is fundamental to ensuring a healthy fetus and successful pregnancy. This book provides an up-to-date summary and synthesis of knowledge regarding placental vascular biology and discusses the relevance of this vascular bed to the functions of the human placenta. Due to new developments in prenatal testing and therapy the fetus is increasingly visible, examinable and treatable in prenatal care. Accordingly, physicians tend to perceive the fetus as a patient and understand themselves as having certain professional duties towards it. However, it is far from clear what it means to speak of a patient in this connection. This volume explores the usefulness and limitations of the concept of 'fetal patient' against the background of the recent seminal developments in prenatal or fetal medicine. It does so from an

interdisciplinary and international perspective. Featuring internationally recognized experts in the field, the book discusses the normative implications of the concept of 'fetal patient' from a philosophical-theoretical as well as from a legal perspective. This includes its implications for the autonomy of the pregnant woman as well as its consequences for physician-patient-interactions in prenatal medicine. Biochemical monitoring of the fetus has been in the back of every perinatologist's mind. Technological advancements have been made in the last ten years but not to the expected level. A continued interest in the subject can only be maintained by symposiums of this nature where perinatologists from different countries can share their experience.

Laserspectroscopy of the fetus is a valuable addition to this volume. The future of biochemical monitoring of the intrapartum fetus depends on the continued collection of scientific data and further technological advances. This successful symposium was held in October, 1990, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. I would like to thank Hewlett Packard for their generous support without which this publication would not have been possible. My sincere thanks goes to my secretary, Nancy Whalen, who has done a tremendous job with the word processing, organization, and layout of the chapters. Molly S.

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CLINICAL IMPORTANCE OF BIOCHEMICAL MONITORING OF THE FETUS DURING LABOR WITH DEMONSTRATION OF TYPICAL

CASES E. SALING, J. BARTNICKI Institute of Perinatal Medicine, Free University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany The biochemical monitoring of the fetus during labor is historically the oldest part of prenatal medicine. The very first direct approach to the human fetus took place on June 21, 1960 when the first blood samples were taken from the fetal scalp in our labor room (3). Abstract: Criteria for nutritional risk, nutritional requirements of teenagers, and counseling strategies are explained. Four sample lesson plans, especially designed for teens, provide learning activities, materials to meet stated objectives and evaluation activities, including a nutrition self assessment questionnaire. The large wall chart, "How a Baby Grows," describes and illustrates the monthly growth of the fetus and changes in the mother's body, and highlights appropriate health care measures. Two additional posters show photographs of teenagers and promote wise food choices, and good health habits. This book presents the anatomy and MRI features of the normal fetus and describes the anomalies of each system in a systematic way. The normal fetal brain at different gestational ages is also extensively illustrated. It features a treasure of MR images illustrating several clinical conditions. Sonographic images, line diagrams and post-natal images are supplemented for easy learning. It also addresses the differential diagnoses and prognostic indicators of the various fetal anomalies. This book will help the consultants and postgraduates of radiology, obstetrics, fetal medicine and pediatrics in understanding

various fetal anomalies and in patient counseling. Highly Commended in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology category of the 2010 BMA Medical Book Competition Brand new edition of the world's leading text on prenatal diagnosis This 6th Edition of Genetic Disorders and the Fetus maintains it's pre-eminence as the major repository of facts about prenatal diagnosis. It provides a critical analysis and synthesis of established and new knowledge based on the long experience of authorities in their respective fields. A broad international perspective is presented through authoritative contributions from authors in 11 countries. All chapters and guidelines have been updated to reflect contemporary practice. New chapters have been introduced on: The use of chromosomal microarrays in prenatal diagnosis The social, legal and public policy issues with special reference to international approaches The important peroxisomal and related fatty acid oxidation disorders Extensive tables and clear illustrations assist in differential diagnosis, gene identification and diagnostic modes. The recognition of many new and unresolved challenges should provide inspiration for novel research initiatives. The guidance provided and the insights and perspectives of these authors make this volume a valuable and indispensable resource for all whose focus is securing fetal health through prenatal diagnosis. Genetic Disorders and the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment is an essential resource for all engaged in prenatal genetic diagnosis, especially obstetricians, maternal-fetal medicine

specialists, medical geneticists, genetic counsellors, and pediatricians, but also many other specialties. As a biological, cultural, and social entity, the human fetus is a multifaceted subject which calls for equally diverse perspectives to fully understand. Anthropology of the Fetus seeks to achieve this by bringing together specialists in biological anthropology, archaeology, and cultural anthropology. Contributors draw on research in prehistoric, historic, and contemporary sites in Europe, Asia, North Africa, and North America to explore the biological and cultural phenomenon of the fetus, raising methodological and theoretical concerns with the ultimate goal of developing a holistic anthropology of the fetus. As much a model for future research as a study of the status of the fetus, this book offers an examination of one of the most divisive and complex issues of American life."--BOOK JACKET. The Guest Editors have assembled well published authors to present state-of-the-art clinical reviews devoted to resuscitation of the newborn and fetus. Articles are devoted to the following topics: fetal/intrauterine compromise; Cellular biology of end organ injury and strategies to prevent end organ injury; Role of oxygen in the DR; DR management of meconium stained infant; Role of medications in neonatal resuscitation; Delayed cord clamping; Post-resuscitation management; HIE and novel strategies for neuroprotection; Physiology of transition from intrauterine to extrauterine life; Resuscitation of preterm infants: Special considerations; Chest compressions and dysrhythmias in neonates;

Resuscitation of infants with prenatally diagnosed anomalies; Ethical issues in neonatal resuscitation; Training programs in neonatal resuscitation: The Neonatal Resuscitation Program and Helping Babies Breathe; and Future of neonatal resuscitation. Most arguments for or against abortion focus on one question: is the fetus a person? In this provocative and important book, David Boonin defends the claim that even if the fetus is a person with the same right to life you and I have, abortion should still be legal, and most current restrictions on abortion should be abolished. *Beyond Roe* points to a key legal precedent: *McFall v. Shimp*. In 1978, an ailing Robert McFall sued his cousin, David Shimp, asking the court to order Shimp to provide McFall with the bone marrow he needed. The court ruled in Shimp's favor and McFall soon died. Boonin extracts a compelling lesson from the case of *McFall v. Shimp*--that having a right to life does not give a person the right to use another person's body even if they need to use that person's body to go on living--and he uses this principle to support his claim that abortion should be legal and far less restricted than it currently is, regardless of whether the fetus is a person. By taking the analysis of the right to life that Judith Jarvis Thomson pioneered in a moral context and applying it in a legal context in this novel way, Boonin offers a fresh perspective that is grounded in assumptions that should be accepted by both sides of the abortion debate. Written in a lively, conversational style, and offering a case study of the value of reason in analyzing complex social issues,

Beyond Roe will be of interest to students and scholars in a variety of fields, and to anyone interested in the debate over whether government should restrict or prohibit abortion. The placenta is fascinating and complex. Basically foreign to the maternal body, it can be thought of as an organ transplanted onto the mother's host tissue. As such it embodies all the principles of tissue acceptance and rejection. Many of the risks of pregnancy and labor have now been eliminated and the placenta is likely to be at the root of many of the dangers to the unborn child that remain. A breakdown of the relationship between the placenta and the maternal tissue may turn out to be the cause of the majority of early lost pregnancies. Among the vast literature on contemporary reproductive technologies, *Prosthetic Bodies* stands out in its effective combination of insights, methods, and theories from the history of medicine, constructivist science and technology studies, and feminist theory. The double focus on IVF and related techniques, and fetal treatment and surgery, enables the identification of debatable tendencies within today's reproductive medicine: the translation of ever more medical problems basically unrelated to women's own reproductive health - and, in the case of fetal diagnosis and treatment, sometimes formerly even unrelated to reproduction as such - into medical indications for invasive, often highly experimental interventions in women's bodies. The analyses show how, through the operations and workings of reproductive technologies themselves, as well as a variety of discursive

mechanisms within scientific language, today's recasting of men's fertility problems and children's congenital anomalies as women's reproductive problems comes to appear inevitable. The book challenges the ability of traditional forms of medical ethics and law to adequately identify this incremental process. The careful analyses and arguments in *Prosthetic Bodies* will be relevant to students of science and technology, gender studies, philosophy, medical ethics, and law, and others interested in the cultural, ethical, and political ramifications of contemporary reproductive technologies. Significant changes have taken place in the policy landscape surrounding cannabis legalization, production, and use. During the past 20 years, 25 states and the District of Columbia have legalized cannabis and/or cannabidiol (a component of cannabis) for medical conditions or retail sales at the state level and 4 states have legalized both the medical and recreational use of cannabis. These landmark changes in policy have impacted cannabis use patterns and perceived levels of risk. However, despite this changing landscape, evidence regarding the short- and long-term health effects of cannabis use remains elusive. While a myriad of studies have examined cannabis use in all its various forms, often these research conclusions are not appropriately synthesized, translated for, or communicated to policy makers, health care providers, state health officials, or other stakeholders who have been charged with influencing and enacting policies, procedures, and laws related to cannabis use. Unlike

other controlled substances such as alcohol or tobacco, no accepted standards for safe use or appropriate dose are available to help guide individuals as they make choices regarding the issues of if, when, where, and how to use cannabis safely and, in regard to therapeutic uses, effectively. Shifting public sentiment, conflicting and impeded scientific research, and legislative battles have fueled the debate about what, if any, harms or benefits can be attributed to the use of cannabis or its derivatives, and this lack of aggregated knowledge has broad public health implications. The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids provides a comprehensive review of scientific evidence related to the health effects and potential therapeutic benefits of cannabis. This report provides a research agenda—outlining gaps in current knowledge and opportunities for providing additional insight into these issues—that summarizes and prioritizes pressing research needs. Endocrinologic investigations during pregnancy have focused in the last decades on placental hormones, the maternal endocrine system and maternal fetal interactions. Less is known about the fetus itself and the interaction of fetal hormonal response and physiological parameters. In this book physiologists, pediatricians and obstetricians active in experimental studies in both physiology and endocrinology combine both aspects of investigations. Historical remarks on the endocrine development of the fetus are followed by observations of the hormonal control of the cardiovascular system. Basic mechanisms of fetal

endocrine control such as brain development, fetal growth, fetal behaviour, and thermoregulation are given particular consideration. Finally, carbohydrate metabolism and the mechanism of parturition are outlined. Rich with the voices and stories of participants, these touching, firsthand accounts examine how women of diverse racial, ethnic, class and religious backgrounds perceive prenatal testing, the most prevalent and routinized of the new reproducing technologies. Based on the author's decade of research and her own personal experiences with amniocentesis, *Testing Women, Testing the Fetus* explores the "geneticization" of family life in all its complexity and diversity. The recent and future developments in knowledge relating to the genome and genetic engineering are expected to change the face of medicine and health care practices for the future. These advances are predicted to create many ethical and legal discussions, not least in relation to the embryo and the fetus. This book analyses the historical and present day status of the embryo and fetus in both ethical and legal matters, in an attempt to evaluate and speculate on the potential effects of the human genome knowledge explosion, and any subsequent genetic engineering techniques, on the moral and legal status of the fetus. Looking at both the positive and negative aspects of the new genetic practices, this book should prove of great interest to many health professionals, both student and practising, especially those involved in genetics, infertility treatment, obstetrics and midwifery. In contemporary

Western culture, the word "fetus" introduces either a political subject or a literal, medicalized entity. Neither of these frameworks does justice to the vast array of religious literature and oral traditions from cultures around the world in which the fetus emerges as a powerful symbol or metaphor. This volume presents essays that explore the depiction of the fetus in the world's major religious traditions, finding some striking commonalities as well as intriguing differences. Among the themes that emerge is the tendency to conceive of the fetus as somehow independent of the mother's body — as in the case of the Buddha, who is described as inhabiting a palace while gestating in the womb. On the other hand, the fetus can also symbolically represent profound human needs and emotions, such as the universal experience of vulnerability. The authors note how the advent of the fetal sonogram has transformed how people everywhere imagine the unborn today, giving rise to a narrow range of decidedly literal questions about personhood, gender, and disability. This thoughtful book grapples with the contentious issue of fetal protection policy in the workplace, contrasting the right of the mother to control her life against the right of the fetus to occupy a risk-free environment. By describing the history of sex discrimination in the American workplace and examining current research on workplace dangers to reproductive health, Blank critically assesses fetal protection policies established by corporations in the last two decades. After explaining the U.S. government's

response--both regulatory and judicial--Blank concludes that current means of redress for fetal injuries in the workplace are woefully inadequate. Blank argues for a practicable strategy that will maximize women's employment choices and reproductive health and at the same time keep to a minimum the risks associated with fetal harm. He turns to alternatives to exclusionary policies that are more likely to ensure the birth of children with sound minds and bodies. These include increased maternal leaves, guaranteed prenatal care, expanded research on workplace hazards, and an accidental compensation fund that relieves employers of the yet unrealized fear of liability for fetal harm. *Fetal Protection in the Workplace* confronts a controversial topic in biomedical policy, law, and women's studies, provides clear suggestions for future policy options, and explains this ongoing conflict involving women's rights and employment and concern for the needs of the unborn. *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 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 Ninety-seven percent of pregnant women in the US use at least one medication during pregnancy, yet maternal-fetal disposition of xenobiotics is under-studied. Maternal-fetal disposition of xenobiotics is determined by the maternal disposition, fetal disposition, and transplacental distribution processes which depend on the physicochemical properties of the xenobiotics and the physiological factors of the mother and the fetus. However, due to ethical concerns and to avoid unnecessary risks pose to the developing fetus, only limited maternal-fetal disposition information can be ascertained through clinical studies. Therefore, alternative experimental approaches including in vitro, in silico, and

in vivo methodologies are required to study the maternal-fetal disposition of xenobiotics. In this dissertation, the maternal-fetal disposition of domoic acid (DA), oxycodone, and fentanyl were quantitatively studied using in vitro, in silico, and in vivo methodologies. In chapter 2 and 3, the maternal-fetal disposition of DA, a hydrophilic algal toxin, was studied in vivo using cynomolgus monkeys as the preclinical model species. The toxicokinetics (TK) following repeated oral doses of DA before, during, and after pregnancy was measured and compared and the fetal disposition at term was described using a maternal-fetal TK model. The study showed that the renal clearance (CL_r) of DA was increased by 30-90% during pregnancy, similar to the increase in creatinine clearance which suggested that the increase in CL_r is likely mediated by the increase in glomerular filtration rate (GFR). The fetal-to-maternal plasma concentration (F/M) ratio at birth ranged between 0.3 to 0.6 and changed as a function of time. Using the maternal-fetal TK model, placental transport and recirculation of DA between the fetus and amniotic fluid were suggested to be the major determining factors of the maternal-fetal disposition of DA. In chapter 4, the fetal hepatic clearance of oxycodone, a CYP3A4 and CYP2D6 substrate, was studied in vitro using fetal liver microsomes (FLM) extracted from individual livers (n=18). The results of this study demonstrated that CYP3A7 metabolizes oxycodone to noroxycodone in the fetal liver, similar to the reaction mediated by CYP3A4 in the adult liver. The CYP3A7

expression in the FLMs was measured by HPLC-MS/MS to be 191-409 pmol/mg and the intersystem extrapolation factor (ISEF) was estimated to be 0.016-0.066 using 6 β -OH-testosterone formation as the probe reaction. The noroxycodone formation clearance (CL_{int,FLM}) predicted using the recombinant CYP3A7 activity together with the CYP3A7 expression and the ISEF of each FLM successfully predicted the observed CL_{int,FLM} (0.15-1.13 μ L/min/mg protein) with an average fold-error of 1.24-fold. To quantitatively predict the fetal hepatic clearance (CL_h), the observed CL_{int,FLM} was extrapolated using in vitro-to-in vivo extrapolation (IVIVE). The prediction suggested that the fetal liver plays a minimal role in maternal and fetal disposition of oxycodone. In chapter 5, the maternal-fetal disposition of fentanyl, a lipophilic opioid analgesic, following epidural dosing to parturient women was studied in silico using a maternal-fetal physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (mf-PBPK) model. To capture the disposition of fentanyl following epidural dosing, an epidural dosing site model was developed based on the physiology of the epidural space and verified using alfentanil as a model compound. Since fentanyl is predominantly metabolized by CYP3A4 in the adult, the fetal liver metabolism of fentanyl was measured in FLM to be 0.20 \pm 0.05 μ L/min/mg protein and extrapolated to predict the whole fetal liver intrinsic clearance (CL_{int,u}) using IVIVE as established in chapter 4. The mf-PBPK model of fentanyl successfully predicted the maternal venous, umbilical venous and umbilical arterial plasma

concentrations in parturient women and newborns following epidural dosing during labor and delivery with the average absolute fold errors (AAFEs) within 2-fold of the observed plasma concentrations. Using the verified mf-PBPK model, the impact of maternal, fetal, and transplacental distribution kinetics on the F/M ratio of fentanyl was demonstrated, highlighting the importance of these distribution kinetics on the interpretation of maternal-fetal disposition of xenobiotics. In conclusion, this dissertation demonstrated that the maternal-fetal disposition of xenobiotics can be quantitatively studied using in vitro, in silico, and in vivo methodologies and a framework was established to study the maternal-fetal disposition of other xenobiotics using these methodologies. The Guest Editors have assembled well published authors to present state-of-the-art clinical reviews devoted to resuscitation of the newborn and fetus. Articles are devoted to the following topics: fetal/intrauterine compromise; Cellular biology of end organ injury and strategies to prevent end organ injury; Role of oxygen in the DR; DR management of meconium stained infant; Role of medications in neonatal resuscitation; Delayed cord clamping; Post-resuscitation management; HIE and novel strategies for neuroprotection; Physiology of transition from intrauterine to extrauterine life; Resuscitation of preterm infants: Special considerations; Chest compressions and dysrhythmias in neonates; Resuscitation of infants with prenatally diagnosed anomalies; Ethical issues in neonatal

resuscitation; Training programs in neonatal resuscitation: The Neonatal Resuscitation Program and Helping Babies Breathe; and Future of neonatal resuscitation. Links information on experimental teratogenic agents with the congenital defects in human beings. As a biological, cultural, and social entity, the human fetus is a multifaceted subject which calls for equally diverse perspectives to fully understand. Anthropology of the Fetus seeks to achieve this by bringing together specialists in biological anthropology, archaeology, and cultural anthropology. Contributors draw on research in prehistoric, historic, and contemporary sites in Europe, Asia, North Africa, and North America to explore the biological and cultural phenomenon of the fetus, raising methodological and theoretical concerns with the ultimate goal of developing a holistic anthropology of the fetus. An intuitive, ingenious and powerful technique, sentinel lymph node biopsy has entered clinical practice with astonishing rapidity and now represents a new standard of care for melanoma and breast cancer patients, while showing great promise for the treatment of urologic, colorectal, gynecologic, and head and neck cancers. This text, written by international experts in the technique, provides a clear and comprehensive guide, presenting a detailed overview and discussing the various mapping techniques available and how these are applied in a number of leading institutions. This essential resource for surgical oncologists, pathologists, and specialists in nuclear medicine will also provide key information for

those planning to start a sentinel lymph node program. Volume One of Hormones and the Fetus contained a generalization of the role of hormones during fetal life. In this second volume, the main topics focus on hormonal binding to fetal and maternal plasma proteins, amniotic fluid and placenta; the presence of hormone receptors in the fetal compartment; and the mechanism of action of various hormones in different target tissues of the fetus and placenta. This up-to-date information is of major importance in the study of hormonal activity in fetal life, and the biological effect of hormones through the receptor. The mechanism of fetal sexual differentiation, in which hormones play an important role, is extensively covered. Based on the presentations given by well-known specialists at a recent multidisciplinary conference of developmental psychobiologists, obstetricians, and physiologists, this book is the first exhaustive attempt to synthesize the present scientific knowledge on fetal behavior. Utilizing a psychobiological analytic approach, it provides the reader with an overview of the perspectives, hypotheses, and experimental results from a group of basic scientists and clinicians who conduct research to elucidate the role of fetal behavior in development. Experimental and clinical as well as human and animal data are explored via comparative developmental analysis. The ontogeny of fetal spontaneous activity -- via the maturation of "behavioral states" -- and of fetal responsiveness to sensory stimulation is studied in detail. Results are provided from studies of embryonic/fetal and

newborn behavior in chicks, rats, sheep, primates, and humans. Knowledge of fetal behavior is crucial to the obstetrician, neonatologist, developmental psychologist, and even the future parents, in order to follow and assess the gradual development of spontaneous responsive movements of the fetus. While assessing this important information, this text also examines the neuro-behavioral events taking place during the fetal period as an aid to understanding normal and pathological life span development. The second edition of this quick reference handbook for obstetricians and gynecologists and primary care physicians is designed to complement the parent textbook *Clinical Obstetrics: The Fetus & Mother*. The third edition of *Clinical Obstetrics: The Fetus & Mother* is unique in that it gives in-depth attention to the two patients - fetus and mother, with special coverage of each patient. *Clinical Obstetrics* thoroughly reviews the biology, pathology, and clinical management of disorders affecting both the fetus and the mother. *Clinical Obstetrics: The Fetus & Mother - Handbook* provides the practising physician with succinct, clinically focused information in an easily retrievable format that facilitates diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment. When you need fast answers to specific questions, you can turn with confidence to this streamlined, updated reference. A valuable insight into fetal growth and development across all the main body systems. How engineers and clinicians developed the ultrasound diagnostic scanner and how its use in obstetrics became controversial. To its proponents, the

ultrasound scanner is a safe, reliable, and indispensable aid to diagnosis. Its detractors, on the other hand, argue that its development and use are driven by the technological enthusiasms of doctors and engineers (and the commercial interests of manufacturers) and not by concern to improve the clinical care of women. In some U.S. states, an ultrasound scan is now required by legislation before a woman can obtain an abortion, adding a new dimension to an already controversial practice. *Imaging and Imagining the Fetus* engages both the development of a modern medical technology and the concerted critique of that technology. Malcolm Nicolson and John Fleming relate the technical and social history of ultrasound imaging—from early experiments in Glasgow in 1956 through wide deployment in the British hospital system by 1975 to its ubiquitous use in maternity clinics throughout the developed world by the end of the twentieth century. Obstetrician Ian Donald and engineer Tom Brown created ultrasound technology in Glasgow, where their prototypes were based on the industrial flaw detector, an instrument readily available to them in the shipbuilding city. As a physician, Donald supported the use of ultrasound for clinical purposes, and as a devout High Anglican he imbued the images with moral significance. He opposed abortion—decisions about which were increasingly guided by the ultrasound technology he pioneered—and he occasionally used ultrasound images to convince pregnant women not to abort the fetuses they could now see. *Imaging and Imagining the Fetus* explores

why earlier innovators failed where Donald and Brown succeeded. It also shows how ultrasound developed into a "black box" technology whose users can fully appreciate the images they produce but do not, and have no need to, understand the technology, any more than do users of computers. These "images of the fetus may be produced by machines," the authors write, "but they live vividly in the human imagination." It's obvious why only men develop prostate cancer and why only women get ovarian cancer. But it is not obvious why women are more likely to recover language ability after a stroke than men or why women are more apt to develop autoimmune diseases such as lupus. Sex differences in health throughout the lifespan have been documented. Exploring the Biological Contributions to Human Health begins to snap the pieces of the puzzle into place so that this knowledge can be used to improve health for both sexes. From behavior and cognition to metabolism and response to chemicals and infectious organisms, this book explores the health impact of sex (being male or female, according to reproductive organs and chromosomes) and gender (one's sense of self as male or female in society). Exploring the Biological Contributions to Human Health discusses basic biochemical differences in the cells of males and females and health variability between the sexes from conception throughout life. The book identifies key research needs and opportunities and addresses barriers to research. Exploring the Biological Contributions to Human Health will be important to health policy makers, basic, applied,

and clinical researchers, educators, providers, and journalists-while being very accessible to interested lay readers. Technological advances continue to expand the number of genetic disorders that can be diagnosed in utero. Utilization of this new technology has demanded special expertise available in relatively few academic centers. As these new applications have become more widespread so have the realities of the medicolegal implications. Notwithstanding the laboratory challenges, most legal action, at least in the United States, has arisen from the physician's failure to inform a patient about the risks of a genetic disorder or the opportunities presented by prenatal diagnosis. Hence an extensive thorough reexamination of the subject seems appropriate and timely. The steady escalation in the number of prenatal genetic studies now being done in the western world makes it imperative for the physician to have a thorough comprehension of the subject in its entirety. I am, therefore, fortunate in having colleagues who as acknowledged experts have shared their knowledge and experience in order to make this volume a major critical repository of facts and guidance about prenatal genetic diagnosis. The subject matter ranges from a consideration of required genetic counseling through the intricacies of establishing prenatal diagnoses. Special attention is focused on new advances using ultrasound, α -fetoprotein, fetoscopy, and first trimester diagnosis. Both ethical and legal implications are discussed in detail, as is the development of public policy. Through the wonder of

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