

Boekbesprekings : Book Reviews

BIRTH DEFECTS AND FETAL DEVELOPMENT

Birth Defects and Fetal Development. Endocrine and metabolic factors. Ed. by K. S. Moghissi, M.D. Pp. xii + 334. Illustrated. \$24,50. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1974.

This book endeavours to bring together, in a series of chapters by a number of authors who are expert in their fields, all factors which affect fetal development, and which may be responsible for birth defects. It encompasses a variety of subjects, from the regulation of nucleic acid synthesis, to microsurgical approaches, and genetic counselling.

It reflects the recent endeavours to improve the quality of life, and is to be recommended as a very useful source of reference.

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ORTHOPAEDIC APPLIANCES

Orthopaedic Splints and Appliances. By Joan M. Kennedy, M.C.S.P., O.N.C. Pp. viii + 200. Illustrated. £2,50. London: Baillière Tindall. 1974.

The authoress is to be congratulated on producing an up-to-date and well-illustrated reference work on splints and orthopaedic appliances. The instructions are clear and unambiguous. Though the preface indicates a modest audience, I feel that this is the most suitable text available to all workers in this field, and especially to the orthopaedic registrars in training.

In dealing with meningomyelocele, one would like to see lack of protective sensation stressed, as well as muscle imbalance. This minor criticism merely emphasises the general excellence of this book.

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