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This is a collection of papers presented to the Research Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto in 1982 and is a mixture of short articles which are of interest to the general clinician and the academic researcher. Animal studies on AKR/J mice (maturation of hepatic testosterone hydroxylase activity) are included with a discussion of the current treatment of asthma. Everyone, however, should find something of interest in a book which highlights the increasing and diverse research into drugs and the developing child.


This multiauthor book is based on a Nestlé nutrition workshop. The first third is concerned with the biology of the gastrointestinal tract, with particular emphasis on its development. There follows a chapter on non-invasive techniques for the evaluation of gastrointestinal function and quite a useful review chapter on necrotising enterocolitis. The final section deals with nutrition and contains a particularly interesting chapter on the pathophysiology of intrauterine malnutrition.

Any paediatrician interested in the newborn or in gastroenterology and nutrition (and that must include just about all of us) could find something of interest and edification in this book.


This book presents a detailed consideration of many of the factors which influence fetal growth and maturation and so, ultimately, fetal and neonatal mortality and morbidity. It is based heavily on data from the United States collaborative perinatal project of the 1960s, but is well referenced from additional sources and contains much interesting speculation.