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Book Review

Cancer in Pregnancy

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Childbearing is one of the most common conditions for which adult women obtain the services of a doctor. When this fact is combined with the concept that every physician's office should be a cancer detection center, one can appreciate the unique position of the obstetrician to diagnose cancer in this large segment of the population. This book emphasizes that, in the captive prenatal patient, there is every opportunity to uncover malignant disease in its earliest stages if the physician faithfully adheres to the basic tenet of medicine—the performance of a complete history and physical examination. A Papanicolaou smear must be an integral part of the prenatal care of every patient. In this valuable monograph, malignancies which arise in the breast, genital organs and the gastro-intestinal tract receive the most detailed discussion. Cancers arising in other anatomical sites receive individual attention.

Each chapter has a separate, up-to-date bibliography which further enhances the lucid and detailed description of the author. Dr. McGowan is assistant professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. He is also director of gynecology and obstetrics, Thomas M. Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital, Darby, Pa.

This book is a valuable contribution to the medical literature on cancer in pregnancy.

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