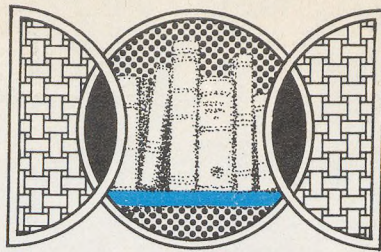


## Book Reviews



**The High Risk Infant (Major Problems In Clinical Pediatrics, Volume 14).** *Lula Lubchenco. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1976, 294 pp., \$18.50.*

It is a pleasure to be able to review this delightful book by Dr. Lubchenco. In it she describes the identification of the high risk infant using very practical parameters of gestational age and birth weight with some observation on the growth and development of affected children during early childhood.

Her presentation is very logical, although more detail on management of each risk group would have been useful. The material is broken up into easily digested sections each with a subheading, and each chapter is supplemented by an excellent list of references.

Her well-chosen photographs compliment the text and, although these are in black and white, they are well reproduced. The text is interspersed with many diagrams which color may have made more easily understandable.

The entire monograph is somewhat less than 300 pages and would certainly enhance the library of the family physician, particularly one involved in obstetrics and neonatal care. For the resident and student it provides an excellent review of recent literature on the high risk infant and presents this information in a well-organized and easily readable form.

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**Beck's Obstetrical Practice and Fetal Medicine, 10th edition.** *Edited by E. Stewart Taylor. Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore, 1976, 639 pp., \$38.50.*

Perinatal care is so very relevant to family physicians practicing obstetrics that it was a delight to see the addition of a 100-page section on fetal medicine to this text.

The very comprehensive range of topics are well organized into chapters with multiple-topic headings. References are well grouped and conveniently located at the end of the discussion of the relevant major topic or chapter. The lists emphasize the classics, with a significant sprinkling of recent articles, especially in the new chapter on fetal medicine.

Most of the illustrations are black-and-white, adequate in number, and average in quality. The addition of a tan-tone to the black and white illustrations in the chapters dealing with operative obstetrics enhances interpretation and makes the illustrations above average in quality.

The stated intent of the author in the brief preface is to provide the medical student, resident, and obstetrician with essential information for modern obstetrical practice. This objective appears best met for the medical student. The practicing physician or resident may find a brief description of a given topic a handicap

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