

Preface

A healthy baby is the dream of every couple which might become a nightmare with the birth of a child with a handicap – physical or mental. These could be the consequences of poor maternal health and illness, Genetic Diseases, congenital malformations, chromosomal abnormalities, infections, or growth retardation, acquired in utero. Prenatal Diagnosis and Therapy is an exciting and rapidly evolving superspeciality which has made it possible to prevent, screen and diagnose many fetal diseases in utero and manage accordingly in utero and after birth. The healthy mother can give birth to a healthy baby with normal weight. Advances are rapidly taking place in this field and all doctors concerned with the birth of a healthy baby should be updated with the information.

Over the last two decades it has been possible to provide prenatal screening and diagnosis for many of these conditions with the availability of sophisticated biochemical, Cytogenetic, molecular techniques, and the team effort of specialists such as Obstetricians, Neonatologists, Geneticists, Laboratory Medicine Specialists, Pathologists, Microbiologists and Ultrasonologists.

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