



STRUCTURAL ABNORMALITIES AND REPRODUCTIVE FAILURE*

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This book is a fairly comprehensive text on the diagnosis and management of structural abnormalities of the genital tract.

It starts with a chapter on the development of the reproductive tract, which makes the understanding of the structural abnormalities considerably easier. The author also devotes a chapter to evidence-based medicine and its use in this field which is helpful.

He then, over the next 14 chapters, systematically discusses abnormalities of various parts of the genital tract. These abnormalities include problems of the ovary such as polycystic ovarian disease and endometriosis and pelvic adhesive disease.

The book is a good reference for the clinician with an interest in this field or the postgraduate student specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology. It is clearly set out, there is a great deal of value in the book and it reads easily. It is comprehensively referenced and is a useful postgraduate text. It would be a useful addition to a university library but is likely to be of only occasional use to the generalist who does not have a particular interest in reproductive medicine.

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