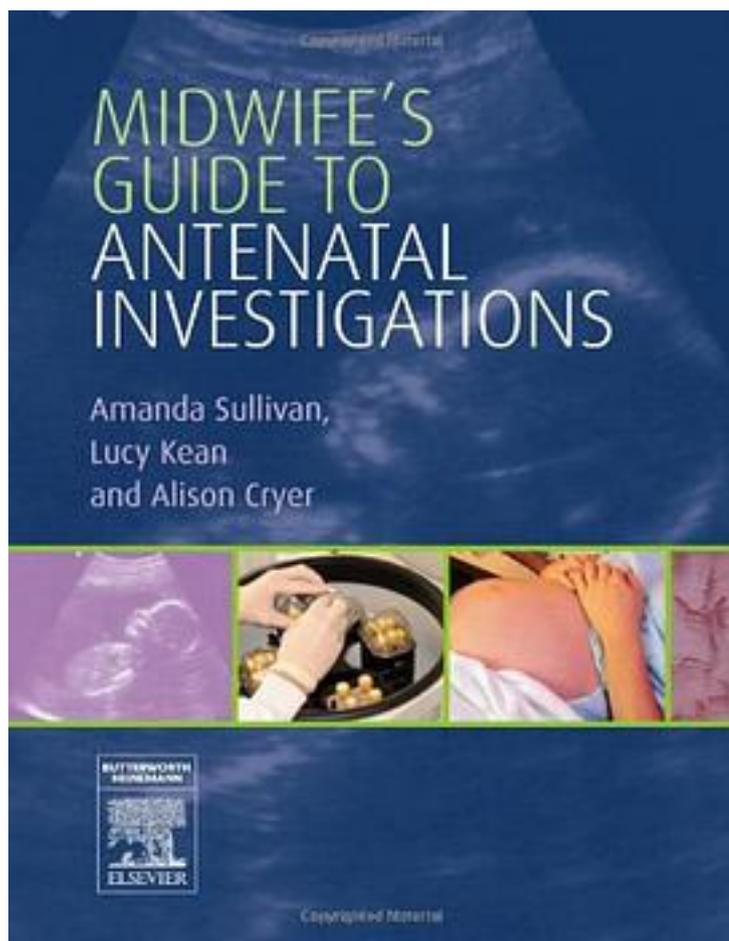


Midwife's Guide to Antenatal Investigations



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The technologies that underpin antenatal investigations are changing rapidly and it is essential that midwives and all health professionals involved in antenatal care are informed about current research and have the skills needed to understand the tests

they instigate. "Midwife's Guide to Antenatal Investigations" explores a comprehensive range of investigations used in pregnancy. It links routine antenatal care with specialist investigations, describing when follow up is required and how to interpret results. The book is written in a clear, accessible style and explains all terminology as well as discussing the relevant technological developments. The book is an ideal source of reference in clinical situations and is designed to enable the midwife to make evidence-based decisions. Antenatal testing can reveal problems or abnormalities with the fetus and the midwife then faces the difficult task of giving this news to the parents. The authors have provided guidance on how to approach discussions on particularly sensitive issues and advise on how a midwife can provide non-intrusive support when parents receive bad news. A chapter written by the charity Antenatal Results and Choices gives an account of parents' experiences when an abnormality was diagnosed in their baby. This gives direct insight into the parents' feelings and helps the midwife to understand how best to provide the sensitive care needed in such cases. The fundamental principles underlying genetic and chromosomal testing are explored and the authors consider the historical and cultural aspects of antenatal investigations as well as looking forward to the potential impact of these technologies on the future role of the midwife. This book is an essential resource for all health professionals involved in delivering antenatal care to women and their families.

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