

**BOOK REVIEW - By Carl Tupper, M.D.**

**Human Labor and Birth**

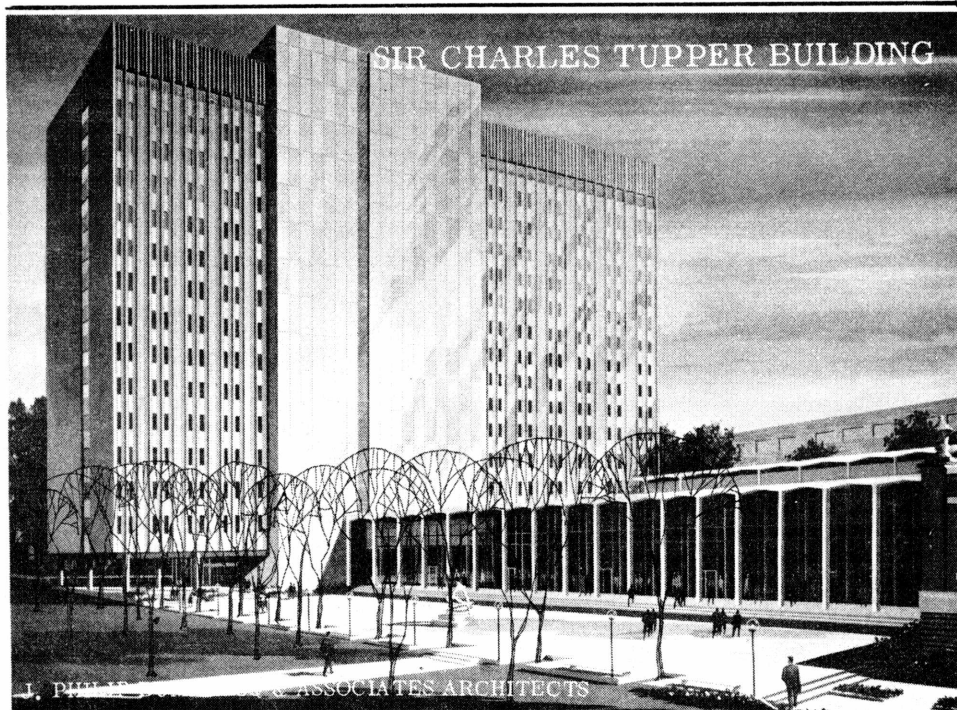
by Oxorn and Foote

With the trend in modern education to teaching at the bedside rather than didactic lectures there arose a need for a text to help the student understand the mechanisms of labor and delivery. In answer to this problem Oxorn and Foote have published a book which appears to replace the need for previous didactic lectures. In this book the basic details of normal and abnormal labors and their management are presented in an orderly and easily understood fashion. It is so arranged that the diagrams used in illustration are always on the page opposite the discussion. This makes the problem more easily understood.

This book will not replace a good Obstetrical text. It is a reference book having to do with labor and delivery but one which has not to date had its equal.

In our modern approach to education, examinations are still a must. The student who wishes to present his case in a very orderly fashion would do well to read this book as it is written with these thoughts in mind.

In brief then we have a book which I could recommend to all students as a reference in problems related to labor and delivery. It does not in any way replace the need for a good book on General Obstetrics.



**SUMMARY:**

In summary then a brief discussion has been presented with regard to the problem of increased insulin requirements in diabetic patients, including children and adults. It is essential that the physician obtain a careful history and carry out a careful physical examination to exclude such conditions as infection, neoplasm and endocrine gland abnormality. A brief review has been given with regard to the therapy that may be used for the successful treatment of such patients. It is of particular interest that patients requiring extremely large amounts of insulin may do so for a short period of time. It is essential therefore that such conditions be recognized and adequate amounts of insulin be provided during the critical periods of hyperglycaemia and acidosis with the expectation that the disorder is likely self-limiting.

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