

al differentiation, the historical background and discussions of the general physiology of adrenal hormone synthesis are exceptional. The section on dynamic testing of adrenal-gland function — often confusing to practitioners — is a very useful inclusion. Similarly, practitioners can rely on a discussion of those issues they should consider when counseling the family of a child with a disorder of sexual differentiation. The chapter on disorders associated with calcium, phosphate, parathyroid hormone, and vitamin D elucidates the recent understanding of the many genetic and biochemical controls of mineral metabolism. The chapter on disorders of the posterior pituitary gland serves as an excellent guide for diagnosing these disorders. Likewise, the final chapter provides an integrative approach to the evaluation of endocrine dysregulation in children with chronic diseases. It also provides a comprehensive review of endocrine treatments for children after therapy for various cancers.

Pediatric endocrinology clearly has advanced from a descriptive clinical subspecialty to one in which the identification and characterization of underlying genetic, molecular, or biochemical mechanisms of many disorders have prompted the development of targeted treatment regimens. Of course, the cures for many of the disorders described in this book await future discovery. Molecular characterization of these disorders probably will lead to the use of gene therapies. By building on the successful aspects of Wilkins's original book on pediatric endocrinology and adeptly integrating the newer points of bench-based research, the editors of *Principles and Practice of Pediatric Endocrinology* have produced an excellent resource for all those who will be involved in these upcoming challenges.

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## CORRECTIONS

Osteoarthritis of the Knee (February 23, 2006;354:841-8). On page 844, the arrowhead in Figure 2 was misplaced. A corrected version of the figure is available with the full text of the article at [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org).

Familial Sinus Bradycardia Associated with a Mutation in the Cardiac Pacemaker Channel (January 12, 2006;354:151-7). On page 154, in Figure 2, Panel B, the label on the x axis should have read "0.4 Sec," rather than "1 Sec," as printed.

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