

stimulating hormone than it is for adults. The authors of the chapter on differentiated thyroid cancer mention only the option of exploring thyroid nodules with the use of fine-needle aspiration.

The many consequences of iodine deficiency on the development of children and the complex pathophysiology of the deficiency are detailed in the chapter on iodine intake and thyroid disease. The health consequences of excessive iodine intake are less well known, but the data that suggest a link between iodine excess and autoimmune disease are well presented.

Some chapters address preclinical aspects of thyroid diseases. One chapter is dedicated to the ontogeny of the thyrotropic axis, from the embryologic development of the pituitary to the development of the thyroid gland. The synthesis of thyroid hormones is also discussed in this chapter, and the transport and action of thyroid hormones are addressed in another chapter. Both chapters are useful introductions to the chapters that follow, which include discussions of congenital hypothyroidism, resistance to thyroid hormones, and Pendred's syndrome (congenital deafness, goiters, and hypothyroidism).

The authors of the chapters on rare diseases, such as Pendred's syndrome and resistance to thyroid hormones, summarize the latest research on the molecular aspects of the conditions. The discussion of congenital hypothyroidism points out the difficulties of screening and the need for early treatment and follow-up. The chapter on thyroid disease during pregnancy illuminates the importance of the mother's thyroid hormones for the fetus; this chapter is also useful for gaining an understanding of the consequences that Graves' disease in the mother will have for the fetus. It does not mention, however, the pathogenesis of fetal goiter that is not related to maternal Graves' disease but is instead related to deficient synthesis of thyroid hormones in the fetus. This type of goiter can be detected by ultrasonography and treated in utero to prevent goiter-related dystocia.

A chapter on genetic diseases that affect the thyroid gland directly or indirectly might have been helpful. It also would have been interesting to read a discussion of inherited medullary thyroid cancer, a thyroid C-cell disease (multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2B) that is the main cause of thyroidectomy in young children. A discussion of genetic disorders such as Gardner's syndrome that predispose those who have them to thyroid

cancer would also have been welcome. These are minor criticisms of a must-have book that will be very useful to all clinicians who are interested in thyroid disease.

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## CORRECTIONS

Sorafenib in Advanced Clear-Cell Renal-Cell Carcinoma (January 11, 2007;356:125-34). The last footnote of Table 2 (page 131) should have read "This rate is the sum of the percentages of patients with a complete response, a partial response, and stable disease for at least two cycles" rather than "This rate is the sum of the percentages of patients with a complete response, a partial response, and stable disease." The table has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org). We regret the error.

A Communication Strategy and Brochure for Relatives of Patients Dying in the ICU (February 1, 2007;356:469-78). Dr. Azoulay's e-mail address (page 469) should have read "elie.azoulay@sls.aphp.fr." The text has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org).

Prophylaxis for Thromboembolism in Hospitalized Medical Patients (April 5, 2007;356:1438-44). The fourth sentence of the sixth paragraph under the Anticoagulant Prophylaxis heading (page 1441) should have read "Fatal pulmonary embolism occurred in five patients in the placebo group and in none in the fonaparinux group; mortality at 1 month was 6.0% and 3.3%, respectively (P=0.06)" rather than "mortality at 1 month was 3.3% and 6.0%." The text has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org).

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