
• This chapter addresses one set of factors and forces that influences women’s decision to utilize prenatal genetic technologies. While written over ten years ago, the principles of this work still remain vital to understanding the challenges associated with contemporary prenatal genetic technologies.


• This book beautifully examines the meaning of children and parenthood and the impact of new reproductive technologies on the fundamental relationship between parent and child. It provides an important perspective for understanding the role of new genetic technologies on how individuals and society view themselves and their children.


• This book addresses the issue of enhancement both broadly across all fields of medicine and specifically in the context of prenatal genetic technologies. It provides an important framework for understanding the moral and ethical arguments for and against using technology for enhancement.


• This manuscript outlines the major philosophical and ethical arguments regarding the utilization of prenatal genetic technologies. While other documents have taken on this task, this particular document was written in collaboration with a panel of experts in obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, genetics, law, social science and philosophy, and, thus, represents an important multidisciplinary perspective on the topic not found in other writings.


• This article is vital for any researcher examining questions of religion and spirituality in medicine. It clearly defines these concepts and demonstrates their role in patient care, key aspects to designing and implementing a study of these components of healthcare delivery.