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The many schematic presentations of biochemical pathways assist readers in understanding the underlying disorders. A special feature called “At-A-Glance,” which appears at the beginning of each chapter and illustrates the main points of a particular topic in a page or two, is most helpful. These summary tables contain brief definitions of the various disorders, associated genotypes, clinical presentations, and laboratory findings, if applicable. Detailed discussions of individual disorders follow, and they are frequently accompanied by excellent photographs. Another original feature is the section “Endocrine and Metabolic Laboratory and Radiology Tests.”

The three chapters in this section include discussions of imaging and laboratory tests, with special attention to the evaluation of newborns. The color coding of the different sections adds to the ease of using this textbook.

Sarafoglou and colleagues have combined their expertise to create an informative and timely textbook in which the explanations of underlying mechanisms guide the structure of each chapter. It is a unique book that is pleasing to the eye, nurturing for the mind, and instructive for a broad readership.

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