

Preface

God created man in excellent health. While there is extensive documentation on life and death in the ancient civilizations, there is scarce literature on when man started suffering from disease. (1) The ancient Egyptians were the first to extensively document medical interventions. The ancient Egyptians left for us impressive illustrations of neurosurgery, childbirth, and circumcision. Some of these date back to 2600 BC. (2) We also have historical documentation of infertility in the Old Testament related to events between 2000 and 1700 BC that are very well known in the history of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Most medical books focus on a medical problem or symptom and then attempt to discuss the different medical evaluations and their medical and surgical treatments. Our book on oxidative stress and women's health is an exception. This book focuses on the involvement of a medical issue, oxidative stress, in many pathological situations and diseases. At the beginning, the editors worked diligently to find the concept that ties all these very different pathologies. The book is the first comprehensive book that explores the involvement of oxidative stress in oogenesis, pregnancy, placental functions, as well as endometriosis and cardiovascular disease. While some of these issues such as endometriosis are easier to understand, others, we must admit, await further investigations. Our book is the beginning of the exploration of a new field and in a few years, many of the discussed topics will be totally redefined but we take great pride in presenting the first idea. To our dear readers, we put in your hands a novel book that we hope that will stimulate your scientific curiosity and interest and prove to be an enjoyable reading experience.



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