The Child with Cerebral Dysfunction

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Cerebral Dysfunction

Much of the information about the status of the brain is obtained by indirect measurements. Some of these measurements are discussed elsewhere in relation to numerous aspects of child care (e.g., as part of newborn status [Chapter 7], intellectual disability [Chapter 18], hypoxic injury [cerebral palsy, Chapter 30], and attainment of developmental milestones at each stage of development). Because increased intracranial pressure (ICP) and altered states of consciousness have such prominent places in neurologic dysfunction, they are described here followed by techniques for