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The fetal endocrine system aids the fetus to survive and develop within the uterus. The role of certain fetal endocrine organs especially those involved in the process of sexual differentiation and fetal growth, development and maturation is very interesting subject to study. Study of these processes and investigations are most suitably undertaken with the fetus in situ.

Recently, research has been advanced by the use of indwelling fetal catheters. As a result, it is possible to monitor fetal hormones directly throughout most of gestation and also to follow the effects of administering exogenous compounds. The field of foetal endocrinology is evolving in a very rapid manner through recent technology.

Aim Of This Study :

The aim of this study is to review the most recent developments in the control of fetal growth and development.