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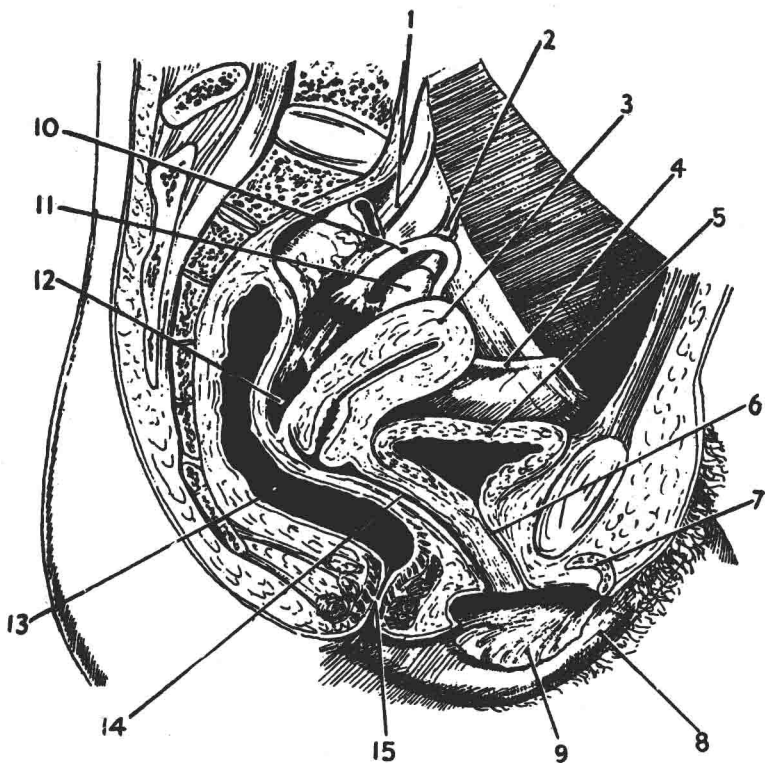
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**MEDIAN SECTION THROUGH THE FEMALE PELVIS**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ureter at brim of pelvis. | 2. Infundibulo-pelvic ligament. | 3. Uterus.            |
| 4. Round ligament.           | 5. Bladder.                     | 6. Urethra.           |
| 7. Clitoris.                 | 8. Labium majus.                | 9. Labium minus.      |
| 10. Uterine tube.            | 11. Ovary.                      | 12. Pouch of Douglas. |
| 13. Rectum.                  | 14. Vagina.                     | 15. Anus.             |





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## EDITORS' PREFACE

The new *Dictionary of Midwifery and Public Health* is a child of the 1939 edition of the *Midwife's Dictionary and Encyclopaedia*. It has been completely rewritten with the addition of much new material and new illustrations. As in its predecessor the needs and the responsibilities of the qualified midwife and the midwife teacher have primarily been kept in mind. The authors hope that other practising members of the maternity and health teams may find it useful. For easier reference the subject matter has been divided into a section dealing with obstetrics and medicine and one dealing with administration and public health.

The choice of words and topics relating to a particular branch of medicine and social science is inevitably arbitrary. A work of this type is no substitute for textbooks, but we have tried to define the terms and ideas that students desiring to be up to date encounter in their reading, especially of current journals and specialist textbooks.

The conviction that the social life of the patient has a vital bearing on her health and her maternal performance is growing, and this means that the midwife or the attendant on the mother must know more than she has ever done before about the social aspects of parenthood and the efforts of the community to deal with social questions. We have attempted therefore not only to cover the syllabus on social service for the midwife teacher's diploma, but have gone beyond it in several particulars.

The authors of a work of this kind must necessarily borrow other men's ideas and we offer our sincere acknowledgments to the authors of textbooks, current articles and Government publications whose writings have been searched to provide up-to-date information.

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Mr. R. J. Fenney, secretary of the Central Midwives Board, kindly read the typescript of articles dealing with the functions of the Central

Midwives Board and aspects of its work, and made valuable comments.

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## PRONUNCIATION

The sounds given to consonants and vowels are those used in ordinary English speech. Whether consonants, such as *c*, are hard or soft is shown: cinchocaine—sin'ko·kane.

Vowels are usually long when standing alone—short if followed by a consonant, e.g., ab·do'men, ab·dom'in·al. If a vowel followed by a consonant is pronounced long it is indicated either by the quantity mark, (— = long, ˘ = short)—above the vowel, or by following the consonant by a silent vowel, e.g., electrolyte—e·lek'tro·lite. The vowel *a* at the end of a word is pronounced short, e.g., acromioria—ak·ro·mi'k·re·ă; *y* at the end of a word is pronounced as a short *ě*, unless the accent falls on it, e.g., acromegaly—ak·ro·meg'a·lě. In case of ambiguity the quantity of the vowel is indicated, e.g. ā long, ă short.

Where the stress or accent falls in the word is shown by the sign ' after the accented syllable, e.g. platypeloid—plat·e·pel'oid, plethora—pleth'o·ra. Observance of the correct stress or balance of the word also helps to make clear the value of the vowel sounds. Some long compound words cannot be pronounced without using two accents, e.g. osteomalacia—os'te·o·mal·a'se·a; polycythaemia—pol'e·sith·e'me·a. The second stress is slightly heavier.





## ABBREVIATIONS

BMA	British Medical Association (professional association)
BP	British Pharmacopoeia (1953)
BP	Blood pressure
BPC	British Pharmaceutical Codex (1949) Supplement (1952)
Cf.	Compare
CMB	Central Midwives Board (Statutory)
DN	Diploma in Nursing (of a university)
DPH	Diploma in Public Health (registered by General Medical Council)
D(Obst)RCOG	Diploma of Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
F	French
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FRCOG	Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Gr.	Greek
GMC	General Medical Council (Statutory body)
GNC	General Nursing Council (Statutory body)
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationery Office
I	Italian
ICN	International Council of Nurses (International professional body)
ILO	International Labour Organization
L	Latin
MRC	Medical Research Council (Statutory body)
MRCOG	Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
MTD	Midwife Teachers Diploma (recognized by the CMB)
NF	National Formulary (1952) (prepared by Joint Committee of BMA and Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain) National Formulary (USA)
NNR	New and Non-official Remedies (USA)
QIDN	Queen's Institute of District Nursing (Voluntary body)
q.v.	<i>Quod vide</i> , which see
SCM	State certified midwife
SEAN	State-enrolled assistant nurse
SRN	State registered nurse
UN (UNO)	United Nations (Organization)
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund
USP	United States of America Pharmacopoeia
WHO	United Nations World Health Organization