

# Recurrent Pregnancy Loss

## Causes, Controversies and Treatment

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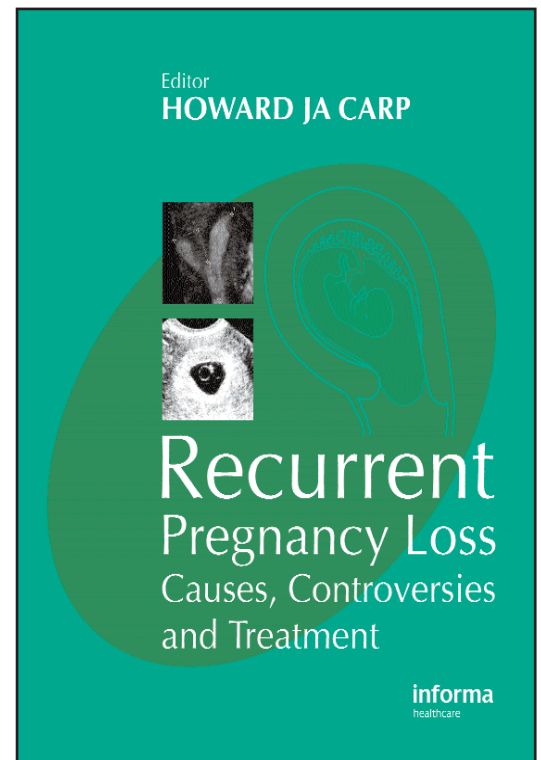
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This book provides an authoritative and comprehensive update on advances in the understanding and management of recurrent pregnancy loss, both with regard to the basic science and the clinical applications. As many subjects are controversial, and occasionally clinical decisions are based on lack of knowledge rather than evidence, chapters include debates by leading experts, to aid the clinician in deciding on the appropriate clinical management.

Chapters cover basic scientific topics, genetics and the application of evidence based medicine as well as the problems of mid trimester loss, late obstetric complications and related psychological mechanisms.

This book will be essential reading for specialists working in recurrent pregnancy loss clinics, and associated disciplines, and also of interest to anyone wishing to gain a comprehensive view of developments in the field.



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