## Editor's Note



"and silence, like a poultice, comes to heal the blows of sound."
The Music Grinders
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1830)

This supplement to the Journal of Perinatology entitled: The Influence of Auditory Experience on The Fetus, Newborn, and Preterm Infant: Report of the Sound Study Group of the National Resource Center: The Physical and Developmental Environment of the High Risk Infant, will have great interest to readers interested in sound, from the standpoint of embryology, physiology, pathophysiology and integration with the other senses of the developing organism. The authors explore the basic properties of sound and then discuss sound and vibroacoustic stimulation in the fetus, the premature and in the full-term infant. In addition there is a section on the acoustic environment of hospital nurseries and finally a number of articles dealing with impaired infant hearing and universal hearing screening. This issue edited by M. Kathleen Philbin covers the entire scope of sound and hearing and will be an important part of the growing literature dealing with this subject. I would like to thank Natus Medical Inc., The University of South Florida, and Ohmeda Inc. for supporting the publication of this supplement through an educational grant to the Journal of Perinatology.

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