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Boston Children's Hospital. The New Child Health Encyclopedia: the complete guide for parents.


This comprehensively revised edition of the Child Health Encyclopedia (1975) is current and accessible. It stands out among health guides because it draws on the expertise of over 150 pediatricians and specialists, and its coverage extends through adolescence. Preliminary chapters provide guidance for maintaining health, finding health care, and dealing with emergencies. Most of the text lists, alphabetically, 289 symptoms and diseases, ranging from diaper rash to cancer; each entry describes the problem, cause, symptoms, treatment, and prevention. More comprehensive and less idiosyncratic than Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care and Robert Mendelsohn's How To Raise a Healthy Child (LJ 5/15/84), this very useful tool could be even better with references to further reading.—Robert Aken, Univ. of Kentucky Libs., Lexington