



© Kamla-Raj 2007

Anthropologist Special Issue No. 3: 425-434 (2007)

Genetic Causes of Congenital Malformation

Suraksha Agrawal

KEYWORDS Malformations. Genetic. Congenital Environment. Drugs

ABSTRACT There have been amazing advances in embryology, teratology, reproductive biology, genetics, and epidemiology in the past 50 years that have provided scientists and clinicians with a better perspective on the causes of congenital malformations. We still cannot provide the families of children with malformations a definitive diagnosis and cause in every instance. The most common known cause is genetic, but the largest group, unfortunately, is unknown. In this review we have discussed the genetic causes for such malformations.