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Sommario/riassunto   This book discusses 'how' to respectfully and responsibly include
                         pregnant women in clinical research. In sharp contrast, the existing
                         literature predominantly focuses on the reasons 'why' the inclusion of
                         pregnant women in clinical research is necessary – viz., to develop
                         effective treatments for women during pregnancy, to promote fetal
                         safety, to reduce harm to women and fetuses from suboptimal care,
                         and to allow access to the benefits of research participation. This book
                         supports the shift to a new default position, whereby pregnant women
                         are included in clinical research unless researchers argue convincingly
                         for their exclusion. This shift raises many as yet unexplored ethical and
                         policy questions about existing barriers to the equitable inclusion of
                         pregnant women in research. This book is original in three key ways.
                         First, it presents an unparalleled depth of analysis of the ethics of
                         research with pregnant women, bringing together many of the key
                         authors in this field as well as experts in research ethics and in
                         vulnerability who have not previously applied their work to pregnant

women. Second, it includes innovative theoretical work in ethics and disease specific case studies that highlight the current complexity and future challenges of research involving pregnant women. Third, the book brings together authors who argue both for and against including more pregnant women in formal clinical trials. .