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Rasselas, Prince of Abyssinia Three-dimensional Echocardiography Handbook of Research on Trends in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Conditions The ESC Textbook of Cardiovascular Imaging The Atlas of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention in Clinical Practice The Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes The EACVI Textbook of Echocardiography Is Cardiovascular Disease Slowing Improvements in Life Expectancy? Cardiovascular Biomechanics Valvular Heart Disease Re-entrant Arrhythmias Global Perspectives on Teaching Excellence

Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology is intended for the clinical cardiologist who wishes to refresh or deepen his understanding of the cellular basis of cardiac electrophysiology, for researchers interested in the basis of the electrical activity of the heart, such as clinical investigators, physiologists or pharmacologists, for teachers in physiology, pharmacology and other biomedical studies, and for medical students from graduate to postgraduate level. Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology starts with a primer of basic electrophysiology, the cardiac action potential and the physiological basis of the electrocardiogram. Our second aim after having introduced the basic concepts was to continue with giving an overview of the properties of the most important ionic currents in the heart, and to treat

their modulation, in order to deal with the mechanisms underlying cardiac ischaemia, arrhythmias and remodelling. Edward Carmeliet and Johan Vereecke, Katholieke University Leuven, Belgium, have collaborated for over 30 years in cardiac electrophysiology research. Their studies include the genesis of the normal action potential, its changes in ischaemia, the effect of drugs, and the mechanism of arrhythmias, using techniques from the classic potential registration with intracellular microelectrodes to whole cell clamp and single channel measurements. This print edition of The EACVI Textbook of Echocardiography comes with a DVD and access to the online version on Oxford Medicine Online, for as long as the edition is published by Oxford University Press. By activating your unique access code, you can read and annotate the full text online, follow links from the references to primary research materials, and view, enlarge, and download all the figures and tables. This fully updated second edition of the official textbook of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging serves the educational requirements of cardiologists and all clinical medical professionals in echocardiography. It is fully-aligned with EACVI goals and reflects the core European syllabus. Published in partnership with the European Society of Cardiology and written by a team of expert authors, this textbook is a valuable resource on echocardiography

and for accreditation through the EACVI. With its thorough and instructive text complemented by more than 500 full colour images and 200 videos online and as a separate DVD, The EACVI Textbook of Echocardiography is a one-stop, authoritative resource on echocardiography. Lipids are one of the most important biomolecules and, given their relationship with several non-communicable diseases at large, this makes them significant to be studied both biochemically and clinically. As the title of the book suggests, apolipoproteins, triglycerides, and cholesterol are focused herein with fresh perspectives and novel insights, while certain overlooked areas are given their due attention. Although these three terms are very broad, the book aims at primarily serving as an update to existing knowledge. It is hoped that the readers will benefit from this book in advancing their understanding about the biochemical pathways, clinical applications, and remedial action in terms of ensuring health and wellbeing, as well as in identifying gaps that would help set the directions of scientific investigations in the future. Since the publication of the second edition of this volume, 3D echocardiography has penetrated the clinical arena and become an indispensable tool for patient care. The previous edition, which was highly commended at the British Medical Book Awards, has been updated with recent publications and improved

images. This third edition has added important new topics such as 3D Printing, Surgical and Transcatheter Management, Artificial Valves, and Infective Endocarditis. The book begins by describing the principles of 3D echocardiography, then proceeds to discuss its application to the imaging of □ Left and Right Ventricle, Stress Echocardiography □ Left Atrium, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy □ Mitral Regurgitation with Surgical and Nonsurgical Procedures □ Mitral Stenosis and Percutaneous Mitral Valvuloplasty □ Aortic Stenosis with TAVI / TAVR □ Aortic and Tricuspid Regurgitation □ Adult Congenital Heart Disease, Aorta □ Speckle Tracking, Cardiac Masses, Atrial Fibrillation

KEY FEATURES □ One-click view of high-resolution 3D/2D images and movies in a supplemental eBook □ In-depth clinical experiences of the use of 3D/2D echo by world experts □ Latest findings to demonstrate clinical values of 3D over 2D echo

The authoritative clinical handbook promoting excellence and best practice *Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation in Practice* is a comprehensive, practitioner-focused clinical handbook which provides internationally applicable evidence-based standards of good practice. Edited and written by a multidisciplinary team of experts from the British Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation (BACPR), this book is invaluable for practitioners helping people with heart disease return to

health. The text provides an overview of research findings, examines the core components of cardiac rehabilitation, and discusses how to support healthier lifestyles and reduce the risks of recurrence. Now in its second edition, this textbook has been fully revised to incorporate recent clinical evidence and align with current national and international guidelines. Increased emphasis is placed on an integrated approach to cardiac rehabilitation programmes, whilst six specified standards and six core components are presented to promote sustainable health outcomes. Describes how cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation programmes can be delivered to meet standards of good practice Covers a broad range of topics including: promoting health behaviour change to improve lifestyle risk factors, supporting psycho-social health, managing medical risk factors, and how to develop long-term health strategies Emphasises the importance of early programme commencement with assessment and reassessment of patient goals and outcomes, and gives examples of strategies to achieve these Discusses the role of programme audit and certification of meeting minimum standards of practice Looks to the future and how delivery of cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation programmes internationally will need to meet common challenges Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation in Practice is an indispensable resource for all health

professionals involved in cardiac rehabilitation and cardiovascular disease prevention. The ESC Textbook of Intensive and Acute Cardiovascular Care is the official textbook of the Acute Cardiovascular Care Association (ACVC) of the ESC. Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are a major cause of premature death worldwide and a cause of loss of disability-adjusted life years. For most types of CVD early diagnosis and intervention are independent drivers of patient outcome. Clinicians must be properly trained and centres appropriately equipped in order to deal with these critically ill cardiac patients. This new updated edition of the textbook continues to comprehensively approach all the different issues relating to intensive and acute cardiovascular care and addresses all those involved in intensive and acute cardiac care, not only cardiologists but also critical care specialists, emergency physicians and healthcare professionals. The chapters cover the various acute cardiovascular diseases that need high quality intensive treatment as well as organisational issues, cooperation among professionals, and interaction with other specialities in medicine. SECTION 1 focusses on the definition, structure, organisation and function of ICCU's, ethical issues and quality of care. SECTION 2 addresses the pre-hospital and immediate in-hospital (ED) emergency cardiac care. SECTIONS 3-5 discuss patient monitoring, diagnosis and specific procedures. Acute

coronary syndromes (ACS), acute decompensated heart failure (ADHF), and serious arrhythmias form SECTIONS 6-8. The main other cardiovascular acute conditions are grouped in SECTION 9. Finally SECTION 10 is dedicated to the many concomitant acute non-cardiovascular conditions that contribute to the patients' case mix in ICCU. This edition includes new chapters such as low cardiac output states and cardiogenic shock, and pacemaker and ICDs: troubleshooting and chapters have been extensively revised. Purchasers of the print edition will also receive an access code to access the online version of the textbook which includes additional figures, tables, and videos to better illustrate diagnostic and therapeutic techniques and procedures in IACC. The third edition of the ESC Textbook of Intensive and Acute Cardiovascular Care will establish a common basis of knowledge and a uniform and improved quality of care across the field.

Diagnosis and Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy is a unique, multi-authored compendium of information regarding the complexities of clinical and genetic diagnosis, natural history, and management of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)—the most common and important of the genetic cardiovascular diseases—as well as related issues impacting the health of trained athletes. Edited by Dr. Barry J. Maron, a world authority on HCM, and with major contributions from all of the

international experts in this field, this book provides a single comprehensive source of information concerning HCM. Recent advances in the field are discussed, including the importance of left ventricular outflow tract obstruction, the use of implantable defibrillators for the prevention of sudden death in young people, definition of the genetic basis for HCM and its role in clinical diagnosis and risk stratification, the development of more precise strategies for assessing the level of risk for sudden death among all patients with HCM, and the evolution of invasive interventions for heart failure symptoms, such as surgical management and its alternatives (alcohol septal ablation and dual-chamber pacing). Key Features: Contributions from all experts in the field, representing diverse viewpoints regarding this heterogeneous disease and related issues in athletes. Information to dispel misunderstandings regarding issues associated with HCM and cardiovascular disease in athletes. The only comprehensive source of information available on the topic. A definitive resource.

The ESC Textbook of Cardiovascular Imaging, second edition provides extensive coverage of all cardiovascular imaging modalities. Produced in collaboration with the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging with contributions from specialists across the globe and edited by a distinguished team of experts, it is a 'state of the art' clinically-oriented imaging reference. Now fully

revised and updated with the latest imaging techniques and technology and covering even more conditions than before, it not only discusses the principles of individual modalities but also clearly demonstrates the added value each technique can bring to the treatment of all cardiac diseases. Richly illustrated with colour figures, images, and tables and using a wealth of newly available evidence to link theory to practice, it demonstrates how these techniques can be used in the diagnosis of a range of cardiovascular diseases. Learning how to apply them in practice is made easy with free access to videos and imaging loops online along with the full text so that it is always available, even when on the move. Impressive in scope, The ESC Textbook of Cardiovascular Imaging contains information on cutting-edge technical developments in echocardiography, CT, CMR and hybrid imaging and well imaging's current role in cardiac interventions, such as identifying cardiac structures, helping to guide procedures and exclude possible complications. The application of imaging modalities in conditions such as valvular and coronary heart disease, heart failure, cardiomyopathies, peri-myocardial disease, adult congenital heart disease and aortic disease, is also extensively considered. From discussion on improved imaging techniques and advances in technology, to guidance and explanation of key practices and theories, this new edition of The ESC Textbook of

Cardiovascular Imaging is the ideal reference guide for cardiologists and radiologists alike. This print edition of The ESC Textbook of Cardiovascular Imaging comes with access to the online version on Oxford Medicine Online, for as long as the edition is published by Oxford University Press. By activating your unique access code, you can read and annotate the full text online, follow links from the references to primary research materials, and view, enlarge and download all the figures and tables. Heart disease and strokes are currently the leading cause of death in all developed countries and in most developing countries, resulting in one third of all deaths globally in 2003. This publication explores a range of issues relating to this increasingly urgent global health problem using text, colour charts, maps and graphics. Topics covered include: different types of cardiovascular diseases, including rheumatic heart disease; key risk factors including smoking, obesity, physical inactivity, high cholesterol levels and diabetes; risks factors relating to women, childhood and youth; the global burden of coronary heart disease and stroke, and associated economic costs; medical research and funding issues; prevention in personal and public health terms; treatment options; health education; national policies and legislation to address prevention and control; future predictions; chronology of key developments in knowledge of cardiovascular disease;

and world data tables. Cardiovascular, respiratory, and related conditions cause more than 40 percent of all deaths globally, and their substantial burden is rising, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Their burden extends well beyond health effects to include significant economic and societal consequences. Most of these conditions are related, share risk factors, and have common control measures at the clinical, population, and policy levels. Lives can be extended and improved when these diseases are prevented, detected, and managed. This volume summarizes current knowledge and presents evidence-based interventions that are effective, cost-effective, and scalable in LMICs. Care of patients with atherothrombosis involving the cardiovascular, peripheral vascular, and cerebrovascular systems. This book is the first authoritative and comprehensive volume dedicated to epicardial adipose tissue (EAT). It provides an up-to-date and highly illustrated synopsis of the anatomical, biomolecular, genetic, imaging features, and clinical applications of EAT and its role in cardiovascular disease. It relays to the reader a contemporary view of the emerging interplay between the heart and adiposity-related diseases. In addition, this volume discusses the clinical implications and therapeutic targets of EAT in atrial fibrillation, heart failure and coronary artery disease. Comprehensive yet focused, Epicardial

Adipose Tissue: From Cell to Clinic is an essential resource for physicians, residents, fellows, and medical students in cardiology, endocrinology, primary care, and health promotion and disease prevention. This publication contains the papers presented at a special Symposium on Atrial Fibrillation during the European Society of Cardiology 1991 meeting in Amsterdam, Holland. The contributors offer the current state of the art of the management of the most difficult cardiac arrhythmias atrial fibrillation. Acute Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease is a concise, yet comprehensive, clinical resource highlighting must-know information on rheumatic heart disease and acute rheumatic fever from a global perspective. Covering the major issues dominating the field, this practical resource presents sufficient detail for a deep and thorough understanding of the latest treatment options, potential complications, and disease management strategies to improve patient outcomes. Divided into four distinct sections for ease of navigation: Acute Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatic Heart Disease, Population-Based Strategies for Disease Control, and Acute and Emergency Presentations. International editors and chapter authors ensure a truly global perspective. Covers all clinical aspects, including epidemiology, pathophysiology, clinical features, diagnosis, management, and treatment. Includes key topics on population-based measures for

disease control for effective primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention. Consolidates today's available information and guidance into a single, convenient resource. Embolism and Thrombosis—Advances in Research and Treatment: 2012 Edition is a ScholarlyEditions® eBook that delivers timely, authoritative, and comprehensive information about Embolism and Thrombosis. The editors have built Embolism and Thrombosis—Advances in Research and Treatment: 2012 Edition on the vast information databases of ScholarlyNews.® You can expect the information about Embolism and Thrombosis in this eBook to be deeper than what you can access anywhere else, as well as consistently reliable, authoritative, informed, and relevant. The content of Embolism and Thrombosis—Advances in Research and Treatment: 2012 Edition has been produced by the world's leading scientists, engineers, analysts, research institutions, and companies. All of the content is from peer-reviewed sources, and all of it is written, assembled, and edited by the editors at ScholarlyEditions® and available exclusively from us. You now have a source you can cite with authority, confidence, and credibility. More information is available at <http://www.ScholarlyEditions.com/>. The ESC Handbook of Preventive Cardiology is a 'how-to' manual for busy healthcare professionals. Complementing the 2012 Joint

European Guidelines on cardiovascular disease prevention and in line with recommendations from the European Association of Preventive Cardiology and it is an invaluable source of tools and skills to assist with the delivery of effective cardiovascular disease prevention. While acknowledging that cardiovascular disease prevention efforts must be complemented by societal and community based strategies, this handbook focuses on practical strategies that can be used in clinical settings. Concise and easily accessible, it guides readers through the patient and family pathway - from patient identification, recruitment of the patient and family, assessing lifestyle and risk factors, to managing lifestyle change, reducing risk factors, and compliance with cardio-protective drug therapies. Information on how to deliver a health promotion workshop programme and run a supervised exercise programme is also included. Previously published as Preventive Cardiology: A practical manual and now fully revised and updated and packed with checklists and diagrams, such as risk estimation charts, The ESC Handbook of Preventive Cardiology helps health workers contribute in real and practical ways to the prevention of arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. This print edition of The ESC Handbook of Preventive Cardiology, Putting Prevention into Practice comes with access to the online version on Oxford Medicine Online, for as long as the edition is

published by Oxford University Press. By activating your unique access code, you can read and annotate the full text online, follow links from the references to primary research materials, and view, enlarge and download all the figures and tables. With new drug developments and indications for existing drugs, combined with increasing awareness of the pathophysiology and dire consequences of untreated acute coronary syndromes acute myocardial infarction and unstable angina, Schofield and colleagues present their hands-on experience with new therapeutic measures and interventional techniques for treating these syndromes. It is a practical, easy-to-read guide to effective management. This book examines very important issues in research evaluation in the Social Sciences and Humanities. It is based on recent experiences carried out in Italy (2011-2015) in the fields of research assessment, peer review, journal classification, and construction of indicators, and presents a systematic review of theoretical issues influencing the evaluation of Social Sciences and Humanities. Several chapters analyse original data made available through research assessment exercises. Other chapters are the result of dedicated and independent research carried out in 2014-2015 aimed at addressing some of the debated and open issues, for example in the evaluation of books, the use of Library Catalog Analysis or Google Scholar,

the definition of research quality criteria on internationalization, as well as opening the way to innovative indicators. The book is therefore a timely and important contribution to the international debate. For many years, there has been a great deal of work done on chronic congestive heart failure while acute heart failure has been considered a difficult to handle and hopeless syndrome. However, in recent years acute heart failure has become a growing area of study and this is the first book to cover extensively the diagnosis and management of this complex condition. The book reflects the considerable amounts of new data reported and many new concepts which have been proposed in the last 3-4 years looking at the epidemiology, diagnostic and treatment of acute heart failure. Due to population aging, calcific aortic valve disease (CAVD) has become the most common heart valve disease in Western countries. No therapies exist to slow this disease progression, and surgical valve replacement is the only effective treatment. Calcific Aortic Valve Disease covers the contemporary understanding of basic valve biology and the mechanisms of CAVD, provides novel insights into the genetics, proteomics, and metabolomics of CAVD, depicts new strategies in heart valve tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, and explores current treatment approaches. As we are on the verge of understanding the mechanisms of CAVD, we hope that

this book will enable readers to comprehend our current knowledge and focus on the possibility of preventing disease progression in the future. Teaching excellence in higher education needs to be promoted and celebrated. However, a universal definition of excellent teaching remains elusive, and robust evidence about how it affects student learning appears to be lacking. This timely book explores the notion of teaching excellence from the viewpoint of a variety of international authors; guiding the reader to understand the complex terrain in which teaching excellence is foregrounded, and highlighting a number of key issues facing the future of global higher education. *Global Perspectives on Teaching Excellence* explores: what is meant by teaching excellence, whether it can be measured and if so, how? the impact of teaching excellence frameworks, initiatives and awards. the new challenges for delivering global teaching excellence fit for the 21st century. With a mix of political, theoretical and applied research foci, each chapter also includes a short critical commentary from international experts in the field to further the debate and situate the topics in a wider context. *Global Perspectives on Teaching Excellence* is essential reading for academic and education policymakers, researchers, and undergraduate and postgraduate students in education. Highly-illustrated and in line with current European guidelines, this handbook covers all

aspects of the management of patients with valvular heart disease, providing clear advice on pathophysiology, diagnosis, investigation and treatment, including in special situations such as pregnancy or during non-cardiac surgery. Congenital heart disease with its worldwide incidence of 1% is the most common inborn defect. Increasingly, patients are living into adulthood, with ongoing congenital heart and other medical needs. Sadly, only a small minority have specialist follow-up. However, all patients see their family doctor and may also seek advice from other health professionals. This practical guide with its straightforward a,b,c approach is written for those professionals. Special features of this book:

- Introduces the principles of congenital heart disease and tells you whom and when to refer for specialist care
- Discusses common congenital heart lesions in a practical, easy-to-follow way, with an emphasis on diagnosis and management issues
- Includes an extensive chapter on 'Pregnancy and Contraception' (by Philip J. Steer), essential both for family planning and for managing safely the pregnant woman with congenital heart disease
- Includes chapters on non-cardiac surgery and lifestyle issues such as work, insurability, travel and driving
- Provides invaluable information on dealing with common emergencies; what to do and what not to do

With a wealth of illustrations (including diagrams, EKGs,

CXRs, Echocardiograms and cardiac MRIs) and with key point tables, this is an essential guide for all health care professionals managing patients with adult congenital heart disease. There has been an exponential increase in the amount of information available on the pathophysiology and management of heart diseases. Meanwhile, understanding of the underlying pathology and physiology has deepened and broadened with new methodologies to monitor cardiac structure and function. These developments have led to an overwhelming amount of information available to students, trainees, and physicians. What is in short supply is a comprehensive yet concise and clear description of the important cardiac conditions and disorders, an approach to their management, and an easily consulted and well-indexed summary to be used at the bedside or in the clinic. This book addresses that need. One-day, one-problem is a unique adaptation of problem-based learning (PBL) pioneered at Republic Polytechnic, Singapore. Here students are challenged each day with a problem from their domain and attain the necessary learning outcomes in the process of responding to the problem. Throughout the day students would engage in small group discussions, self-directed learning and conversations with their teacher who plays the role of a facilitator. This approach to learning and instruction represents a new brand of constructivist learning in a

more structured learning environment compared to conventional PBL. This book contains a series of chapters by authors with first-hand experience in the One-day,one-problem PBL approach. Unlike other books on PBL, the chapters are both research-informed and practical. Results of empirical studies into the factors of PBL such as quality of problems, tutor behaviours, scaffoldings, student learning and interest are discussed together with practical implications for the educator. The book begins with an overview of the one-day, one-problem process, providing a viewpoint from both the student and tutor. Republic Polytechnic's pedagogical philosophy and epistemological belief of education are introduced with the intent to share how the polytechnic designed and implemented a system that supports the philosophical beliefs. Results and practical implications of empirical studies on the various factors that influence students' learning in PBL are discussed. These include the quality of problems and the use of scaffoldings for students' learning, tutors as facilitators, preparation of staff for PBL, student assessment, how students learn in the process of PBL and student interest. "EACPR, European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation -- European Society of Cardiology." Stemming from environmental, genetic, and situational factors, chronic disease is a critical concern in modern medicine. Managing treatment and controlling symptoms

is imperative to the longevity and quality of life of patients with such diseases. The Handbook of Research on Trends in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Conditions features current research on the diagnosis, monitoring, management, and treatment of recurring diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson's disease, autoimmune disorders, and others. This handbook is intended for practitioners and researchers across various disciplines including, but not limited to, biology, biomedical engineering, computer science, and information and communication technologies. Aimed at identifying new disease determinants and the way in which new technologies can contribute to improved health outcomes, this handbook covers a variety of topics, including wearable and mobile technologies, capillaroscopy imaging, diagnostic and monitoring methods, and disease prediction modeling, among others. Sports and exercise have been intensely advocated as protective lifestyle measures which prevent or reduce the risk of severe health issues, including cardiovascular disease. More extreme forms of sports (for instance at high altitudes) have been identified as an important way of promoting cardiovascular adaptation, but have also been associated with adverse effects and even major cardiovascular events in predisposed individuals. Participating in more commonplace sports and exercise,

such as football, may also increase a person's risk of cardiac events. This publication is timely in the light of a burgeoning number of clinical papers in the field. The ESC Textbook of Sports Cardiology provides an overview of the detection and treatment of cardiovascular disease in elite athletes and young sports professionals in training, as well as prevention. It will be useful for clinical cardiologists, sports physicians, and general physicians alike. Split into 11 key areas in sports cardiology, ranging from sudden cardiac death in athletes to the most common cardiovascular abnormalities seen in athletes, and to the effects of substance abuse and doping, the text is an invaluable resource covering all aspects of sports cardiology. Access to the digital version of the textbook is included with purchase of the printed version. Highly illustrated with embedded multimedia features, together with cross-referenced links to related content and primary research data in major journals in the field, the digital version provides users with a dynamic and forward-thinking resource. The ESC Textbook of Sports Cardiology is the second textbook from the European Association of Preventive Cardiology (EAPC) and aligns with ESC clinical practice guidelines and EAPC recommendations and position papers. This book provides a balanced presentation of the fundamental principles of cardiovascular biomechanics research, as well as its

valuable clinical applications. Pursuing an integrated approach at the interface of the life sciences, physics and engineering, it also includes extensive images to explain the concepts discussed. With a focus on explaining the underlying principles, this book examines the physiology and mechanics of circulation, mechanobiology and the biomechanics of different components of the cardiovascular system, in-vivo techniques, in-vitro techniques, and the medical applications of this research. Written for undergraduate and postgraduate students and including sample problems at the end of each chapter, this interdisciplinary text provides an essential introduction to the topic. It is also an ideal reference text for researchers and clinical practitioners, and will benefit a wide range of students and researchers including engineers, physicists, biologists and clinicians who are interested in the area of cardiovascular biomechanics. This guide is directed at the multi-disciplinary team dealing with cardiac rehabilitation. It is a practical handbook for everyday professionals on what they should do following cardiac events and return to work. It is adapted to the needs of cardiac rehabilitation centers. · Key publication from the European Association of Preventive Cardiology (EAPC) · Companion handbook to The ESC Handbook of Preventive Cardiology: Putting Prevention into Practice This handbook is directed at cardiologists in

training and practice, specialist (cardiac) nurses, technicians, exercise physiologists and other healthcare professionals involved in the multidisciplinary process of cardiac rehabilitation · Practical user-friendly handbook style presentation · Covers the complete spectrum of rehabilitation care · Key team members address key issues - smoking, diet and physical activity · Focus on high risk patients (family approach) This book sheds new light on the diagnosis and treatment of Heart Failure in adult patients with congenital heart disease. This is a rapidly growing clinical issue for this group of patients and the clinical teams caring for them. The book highlights the major clinical dilemmas in diagnosing heart failure in patients with a lifelong cardiac condition and describes in details the utility of biomarkers, complex imaging and functional tests, e.g. the cardiopulmonary exercise testing. A step-wise approach to treatment is described from drug therapy through to devices and transplantation. As such, the book offers an essential guide for cardiologists and cardiac surgeons looking to optimize the management of patients with delicate physiology and complex disease. This practical volume highlights traditional, novel, and evolving aspects of the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary embolism (PE). The contributors comprise an international team of experts. Important aspects of diagnosis, risk stratification, and differential treatment of patients with

PE are presented in a concise, yet comprehensive manner. Emphasis is placed on specific issues related to PE, including pregnancy, cancer, thrombophilia, and air travel. The past 50 years have witnessed a breathtaking evolution in the approaches to the patient with an acute ST elevation myocardial infarction. In the 1960s, the now commonplace cardiac intensive care unit was but a nascent idea. Without much to offer the patient but weeks of absolute bedrest, substantial morbidity and high rates of mortality were the norm. Just 30 years ago, seminal discoveries by DeWood and colleagues suggested that the culprit was plaque rupture with thrombosis, not progressive luminal compromise. Subsequent fibrinolyt- based strategies resulted in a halving of the mortality of acute myocardial infarction. With the introduction of balloon angioplasty in the late 1970s, a few interventional cardiologists braved the question: why not perform emergency angioplasty as a primary reperfusion strategy? Indeed, reports of successful reperfusion via balloon angioplasty appeared (mostly in local newspapers) as early as 1980. Despite being thought of as heretical by mainstream cardiology, these pioneers nonetheless persevered, proving the benefit of "state-of-the-art" balloon angioplasty compared with "state-of-t- art" thrombolytic therapy in a series of landmark trials published in the New England Journal of Medicine in March of 1993. Publication of the

first edition of Primary Angioplasty in Acute Myocardial Infarction in 2002 to some extent anticipated the widespread acceptance of primary percutaneous coronary intervention as the standard of care. Since then, in all respects, the evolution of emergency percutaneous revascularization has only accelerated. The universal replacement of balloon angioplasty with stent implantation was clearly one key. Prevention of disease and injury, including early identification of risks and disease and optimal control of potentially debilitating or fatal complications of chronic conditions, is the area of clinical medicine that holds the greatest promise for improving human health. Each year a long list of major, but potentially preventable health problems exacts a terrible human and financial toll. These problems urgently need our attention, especially as major advances in curative medicine become more complex and costly. Prevention of disease and injury may well be the central health issue of our time, an issue of vital concern to every quarter of our society. Now is a very good time to promote prevention. Citizens and some social groups are increasingly aware of and interested in health and fitness issues. There is great enthusiasm about-even obsession with-health, and we are seeing an astonishing proliferation of health publications and media presentations for laymen, fitness and weight control centers, exercise programs, health food stores, disease

support groups, health education programs, and do-it-yourself diagnostic kits. All of this betokens an increased health consciousness on the part of public and perhaps signals greater individual accountability for health.

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