

Preface

Acute coronary syndrome represents the most urgent cardiac condition requiring an immediate diagnosis and the prompt institution of therapy to save lives and improve long-term quality of life. Recent trials have demonstrated the benefits of various pharmacologic and revascularization strategies. These evidence-based data have provided the basis for AHA/ACC guidelines. However, there is a continuing lack of guideline adherence, adversely affecting patient outcome. In addition, the optimal care of these high-risk patients requires a multidisciplinary approach.

This book is an attempt to provide up-to-date information on the many aspects of acute coronary syndrome. The authors for each chapter have striven to provide concise review of the current literature and algorithm-based approaches for diagnosis and management of each topic.

This field is rapidly evolving, and there will be many new paradigms with advancing knowledge. The editors hope that despite the dynamic status of the management issues related to acute coronary syndrome, the basic concepts of this book will be valuable to the readers for their patient care.

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