Preface

Heart failure affects close to five million patients in the United States and causes substantial morbidity and mortality. It is often a chronic and debilitating disease that results in mortality rates after initial diagnosis that approach or exceed mortality rates of many common malignancies. While a number of pharmacologic therapies have demonstrated efficacy, many recent advances in the treatment of heart failure patients have focused on device-based therapies. This book is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of current and developing technologies used to treat heart failure patients.

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