

Book Review

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This is a detailed textbook of high standard, and includes all patho-anatomical aspects of cardiovascular diseases, especially in adults. It starts with chapters on the examination of the heart and of cardiovascular specimens, followed by "normal" changes of light microscopic and ultrastructural morphology related to age. The specific diseases are grouped in a modern theme, i.e., associated with functional abnormalities/complications, and their impact on the blood circulation and nutrition. The next chapters describe specific pathological agents and their associated morphological alterations and functional influence. These include cardiomyopathies, myocarditis, ischemic diseases. Of course, cardiovascular tumors and tumor-like lesions as well as transplantation and genetic causes of cardiovascular diseases are not missing. The textbook is well equipped with macro- and microfotographs, about half of them in color. An extensive reference list is noted at the end of each chapter. Although several well known contributors coming from different institutions wrote the corresponding chapters, the textbook itself displays a quite uniform language and description of the cardiovascular diseases. In summary, this textbook can be recommended to all young colleagues and experienced pathologists who are involved in diagnostic and therapeutic routine work as well as to those colleagues who are working in the experimental scene of pathology and cell biology.

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