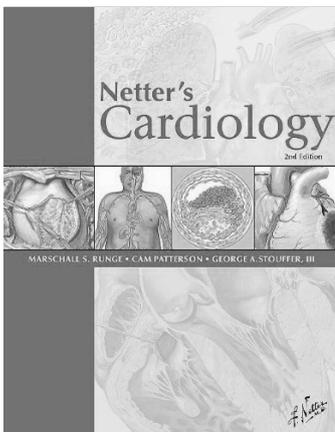


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Netter's Cardiology (2nd edition)

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If Barack Obama were a textbook, he would be Netter's Cardiology. This book is comprehensive in scope, communicates complicated ideas with clarity and is more aesthetically pleasing than its predecessors. Like Obama the

book is relatively nascent, the first-edition being published in 2004.

Netter's Cardiology appears best suited to clinical students. It is not a beginner's textbook, as readers will require foundation knowledge of cardiac anatomy and physiology. Second-year medical students may require an additional text to cover the basics. Third-year students should find the book easy to follow, but Auckland students may be frustrated by the lack of pathophysiology detail (it isn't helpful for clinical problems).

The major strength of the book is clear descriptions of the clinical presentation, diagnostic steps and treatment options for each disease. Information is organised according to individual diseases like standard internal medicine textbooks. The book also includes sections discussing history taking and examination (although in less detail than Talley and O'Connor), imaging techniques and disease prevention. Common surgical procedures are discussed with the help of (highly simplified) step-by-step diagrams, which may help students navigate the mysteries of the surgical run.

Netter's Cardiology is easy to follow. Information is laid out in a systematic manner, with extensive use of flow diagrams and summary tables to break the flow of text. The writing is lucid, however technical terms are not always defined and there is no glossary; students may need to keep a dictionary or secondary reference handy.

This book has both beauty and brains. Its pages are glossy, its headings are brilliant shades of the rainbow and it is bedecked with beautiful illustrations throughout. For the most part, images are relevant and useful (including depictions of pathological specimens and clinical procedures) but others border on the ridiculous (images of naked patients with pained facial expressions are simply disturbing).

While well suited for students, the book lacks many of the elements that soothe one's mental state during exam time. Few chapters have summaries. Despite the heavy clinical focus there are no practice questions and no case examples.

One hundred and fifty dollars may seem a lot to pay for a textbook focussed on one specialty of medicine. Cheaper cardiology texts for students do exist. You may well be paying extra for a good brand name, pretty pictures and high-quality finish (with hardcover). The degree to which this matters will depend on the individual; if you are a visual learner or find textbooks generally daunting, Netter's may well convince you that 'yes you can' learn cardiology!

ELSEVIER OVERVIEW

Netter's Cardiology, 2nd Edition, by Marschall S. Runge, Cam Patterson, and George Stouffer, uses visually rich Netter artwork to efficiently provide you with a concise overview of cardiovascular anatomy, pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management. You'll rapidly access complete introductions to common issues in cardiology, including annotated references of the most important articles, guidelines, and available evidence. Netter - it's how you know.

New to This Edition

- Utilise annotated references to the most important resources and evidence-based studies.
- Benefit from expanded coverage of cardiovascular imaging including echocardiography, stress testing and nuclear imaging, and CT and MRI.

Key Features

- Efficiently review key details of anatomy, pathophysiology, and clinical presentation with detailed, crystal-clear artwork by Frank H. Netter, MD and other illustrators working in the Netter tradition.
- Apply dependable clinical advice from Marschall S. Runge, MD, PhD, Cam Patterson, MD and George Stouffer, MD and utilize diagnostic and therapeutic algorithms and clinical pathways developed by the many world-renowned chapter contributors.

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Netter's Cardiology, Book and Online Access at www.NetterReference.com