Fast Facts: Cardiac Arrhythmias

Cuts through the technical detail to provide a better understanding of how the patient with arrhythmia presents, and how the problem should be best investigated and managed.

Highlights include:

- Succinct descriptions with clear well-annotated illustrations of normal conduction and the mechanisms of arrhythmias
- A simple classification of arrhythmias based on 12-lead ECG patterns
- A comprehensive review of presenting signs and symptoms, with key questions to ask the patient
- A logical approach to investigation: predict it (history and examination), wait for it (monitoring) or provoke it (electrophysiology)
- Practical information on management options: pharmacological therapy, direct cardioversion, catheter ablation and cardiac devices (pacemakers and defibrillators)
- The latest international guidelines on atrial fibrillation and catheter and surgical ablation
- Important pharmacological updates, including the latest thinking on anticoagulation.

This highly readable handbook is a practical resource for all primary care physicians, cardiologists in training, cardiac nurses, technicians and medical students seeking a better understanding of the mechanisms of arrhythmias and the contemporary therapies available, with a view to improving patient care.