A succinct yet comprehensive reference tool for cardiac surgery nurses, this new addition to the Fast Facts series provides quick access to frequently used information regarding the care of cardiac surgery patients. It encompasses the timeline from pre-op to recovery period, with a special focus on the prevention and management of commonly seen post-op complications. The book addresses surgical treatments for coronary artery disease, valve disease, descending aortic aneurysms, and congenital heart disease in adults, and covers patient presentation and diagnostic tests, immediate and extended post-operative period care, cardiac rehabilitation programs, and patient education.

Intended for daily use, this reference not only contains important guidelines for all nurses caring for cardiac surgery patients, but reinforces highly specialized skills and supports the development of new skills. It will be highly valuable to new graduates and nurses who are considering a switch to cardiac care, as well as seasoned practitioners.