Textbook of Pleural Diseases is a comprehensive reference that covers both the basic and clinical science on pleural diseases. Building on the highly respected previous editions, it includes a detailed basic science section for enhanced understanding of both the physiological and pathophysiological mechanisms that underpin diseases of the pleura.

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Each chapter includes a bullet-point summary, and published management guidelines are included where relevant. Also included is a "Key Points" section in each chapter that highlights patient management, making this an indispensable reference for pulmonary physicians, internists, thoracic surgeons and trainees worldwide.