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## **Braunwald's Heart Disease: A Textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine, 11th Edition**

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This is the 11th edition of the textbook, Heart Disease: A textbook of cardiovascular medicine. As with each edition of this reference work, international experts have totally revised every chapter. In addition, multiple new chapters have been added to recognize the ever-expanding role of cardiology into areas such as oncology, chronic lung disease, environmental toxins, catheter-based treatments of congenital heart disease, and other topics. Some sections have been revised for clarity, such as arrhythmias; some have been expanded, such as diseases of heart valves; others have had a shift of emphasis, such as congenital heart disease for the adult. Finally, to maintain vitality of standard topics, new authors have replaced more than a third of those who have tirelessly written for previous editions, in chapters on ethics, personalized and precision medicine, imaging, obesity, diabetes, sleep disordered breathing, autonomics and other areas.

The book is divided into 11 sections, including fundamentals of cardiovascular disease; genetics and personalized medicine; evaluation of the patient; heart failure; arrhythmias, sudden death, and syncope; preventive cardiology; atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; diseases of heart valves; diseases of the myocardium, pericardium, and pulmonary vascular bed; cardiovascular disease in special populations; and cardiovascular disease and disorders of other organs. Practice guidelines are included in many chapters. The editors and authors have endeavored to make Heart Disease the "go-to" source for current cardiology knowledge, maintaining the high standards Dr. Braunwald set so many years ago. Dr. Braunwald continues to provide "Hot off the press" updates bimonthly.