



Heart Valve Disease From Pathophysiology to Treatment

José Horacio Casabé, Roberto René Favaloro, Julio César Figal, Eduardo Guevara, Oscar Méndiz, and Augusto Torino.

Buenos Aires, Argentina: Ediciones Journal; 2014.

246 pages. Including access to digital version.

In recent years, medical literature has developed a change in the way it is used as a means of professional consultation.

As a result of easy and fast access to information on the web, the book as medical guidance must meet fundamental conditions, including data quality, adequacy of contents, and up-to-date literature to summarize the most polished and unbiased evidence. These variables will make a consultation book prevail and set apart from compulsory, non-directed search of computing formats.

However, a key question has to be made from the very beginning: What is the authors' goal and what do they propose us?

When I began my reading, on a topic that fascinates me, I lingered over the title of the book: From Pathophysiology to Treatment.

By delving into each chapter, the approach becomes tangible in the different sections, which are well defined, clearly stated, and –even more relevant– with a comprehensive, concise, expert vision of valve disease.

I would like to point out that the authors' experience and knowledge on the topic is the most remarkable aspect in the book due to the degree of exposure, ductility in the visual aspect of images that 'teach' and do not confuse, presented not only as collaborators of the reading but as a true interaction to understand and clarify the different scenarios.

Another consideration is the addition of illustrative videos in each chapter, a dynamic way to strengthen learning in each aspect of the book. The association of digital content is practical and provides easy access to the information. The authors' up-to-date, organized references shape the search and encourage the re-search on each topic.

From the clinical practice (Horacio Casabé, Julio Figal), diagnosis (Eduardo Guevara and Augusto Torino), and interventions (Roberto Favaloro, Oscar Méndiz), this teamwork shows us a group that is leader in ideas and ability to convey their valuable expertise.

It is not the people who forge an identity, it is the groups that define a profile of intercommunication and discussion, resulting in exemplary and long-lasting pieces of work.

Now, I still have a doubt: Should we challenge electronic sophistication with text formats due to changing information?

This book, with all its strengths, not only challenges today's changing context but also turns it into a necessary and distinguishable book that provides a guideline to patients' problems. That is what it is all about.

Finally, I am honored to write a review on this book for the importance and quality of its authors.

Rodolfo Pizarro MTSAC