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*Questo libro è dedicato a tutti gli appassionati e instancabili medici che stanno al letto dei pazienti per fornire loro la migliore assistenza possibile.*

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È stato dimostrato che l'ecografia point-of-care (POCUS) rende le procedure più sicure, accelera e aumenta l'accuracy delle diagnosi e incrementa la sicurezza nel processo decisionale clinico. La POCUS è una delle poche nuove tecnologie che avvicina l'operatore sanitario direttamente al letto del paziente, migliorando così l'esperienza sia dei pazienti che degli operatori sanitari stessi.

La prima edizione di *Point-of-Care Ultrasound* è stata pubblicata nel 2014 e ha posto le basi per la condivisione delle conoscenze tra diversi ambiti specialistici che utilizzano le più diverse applicazioni ecografiche al letto del paziente. Dalla sua prima pubblicazione, il libro è stato tradotto in cinese e spagnolo, con migliaia di copie distribuite in tutto il mondo. Man mano che gli operatori sanitari imparavano a conoscere le potenzialità della POCUS, un numero crescente di essi ha utilizzato questo libro. Data la natura visiva e dinamica dell'ecografia, questo libro mette a disposizione numerosi video. Il suo stile da manuale, i capitoli concisi, le figure esplicative e i suggerimenti di insegnamento pratici sono accattivanti anche per i medici più impegnati che cercano di ampliare le loro conoscenze in materia di ecografia.

In questa seconda edizione, abbiamo allargato i contenuti in diversi modi. In primo luogo, abbiamo aggiunto sei nuovi capitoli sull'emodinamica, sull'ecocardiografia transesofagea, sul secondo e terzo trimestre di gravidanza, sulla pediatria, sulla neonatologia e sull'ecografia transcranica. In secondo luogo, abbiamo aumentato i contenuti video online da circa 300 a oltre 1000 video che mostrano gli aspetti ecografici normali e patologici. In terzo luogo, abbiamo aggiunto nuovi casi clinici e domande di verifica alla fine di ogni capitolo, sottolineando i punti chiave dell'apprendimento. Infine, ci siamo tenuti al passo con questo campo in rapida evoluzione aggiornando la letteratura, le immagini e le figure in ogni capitolo.

I principi e le ampie applicazioni della POCUS sono trattati in modo dettagliato. Siamo certi che gli operatori sanitari di qualsiasi ambito che desiderino imparare la POCUS saranno soddisfatti da questa seconda edizione del nostro libro.

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