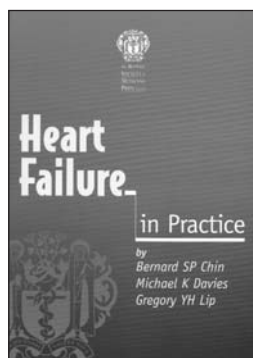
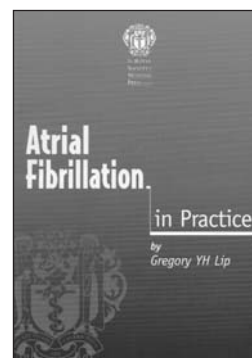


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This is an excellent practical summary of the diagnosis and management of patients with heart failure for the non-specialist in a 76-page soft-back format. There is a concise chapter on the epidemiology and economics of heart failure but the majority of the text describes the management of chronic heart failure due to left ventricular systolic impairment with a brief description of acute heart failure. The general layout is clear with short paragraphs on various heart failure topics interspersed with tables and diagrams. This gives the reader the chance to dip-in and grab some useful information at-a-glance rather than having to read the whole volume at once. There are some good practical clinical tips on what tests to do and when. The appendices provide an extremely useful guideline-like summary of how to manage the heart failure patient in primary and secondary care. In some ways, if this is the only section that you actually read in this book you will have successfully enhanced your knowledge of how to manage the heart failure patient in seven short pages. Some of the advice assumes that everyone has specialist heart failure nurses but this may be the case in the near future. While we wait for the National Institute for Clinical Excellence guidelines on heart failure I would recommend this as a slim, and hence efficient, clinical manual to have on your bookshelf.

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Atrial fibrillation is the most common sustained cardiac rhythm disorder in clinical practice. It is usually associated with increased morbidity and mortality in all age groups. The management of this arrhythmia is far from simple as it presents in different forms and in association with cardiac and non-cardiac disease. Available therapy could be palliative or curative and the choice of appropriate therapy for a particular patient often requires referral to a cardiologist.

Atrial Fibrillation in Practice has comprehensively covered all aspects relating to the epidemiology, diagnosis and management of this arrhythmia in a detailed yet simple way. A chapter has also been dedicated to anti-thrombotic therapy based on current available evidence. The book format is appealing and essential practical points are highlighted in table form in each chapter. References for further reading are listed at the end of each chapter.

The readers of this book will undoubtedly enjoy it and find it a great companion. It will also serve as a quick reference guide when dealing with a patient with atrial fibrillation. It should be of particular help to nurses, medical students, junior doctors, general practitioners, general physicians and young cardiologists.

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ERRATUM

Re: *The New Public Health (J R Coll Physicians Edinb 2004; 34:167)*

It has been brought to the Editor's attention that a typographical error occurred in the first paragraph of Professor PD Donnelly's review. The first sentence should have read: 'To the best of my knowledge I have never met Fran Baum but I think I would like to!'

We apologise for any embarrassment or misunderstanding that this may have caused.