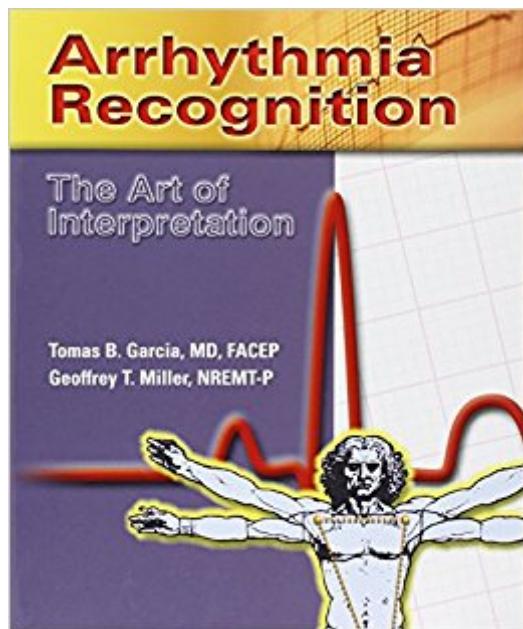


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# Arrhythmia Recognition: The Art Of Interpretation



## **Synopsis**

2004 AJN BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER! An American Journal of Nursing 2004 Book of the Year! Arrhythmia Recognition: The Art of Interpretation uses hundreds of four-color graphics to communicate the complex topics related to arrhythmia recognition. The text focuses on the pathophysiological mechanisms involved in the formation and maintenance of complex arrhythmias and on their clinical recognition. Each rhythm strip provides a descriptive table outlining the various abnormalities in a logical, easy-to-follow sequence. In addition, there are analytical narratives outlining what providers should consider when approaching the strip. The tables and analytical narratives are intended to formulate functional interpretative skills to consider when approaching a complex arrhythmia in a clinical situation.

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Received book in great condition. Info in book easy to understand and provides the explanations to interpretation and guides the reader to the steps of interpretation

Wonderfull book

FANTASTIC learning tool written by 2 great professionals in the field of teaching ECGs. Excellent complementary books to the BOOK written by A.Hampton ECG made easy (which I strongly recommend for all those making their very first steps in this area).And frankly here in Russia I never

met something of the kind

This book is a good buy for somebody who wants to learn about cardiology with having very little, if any experience with it. In the beginning it assumes that you already understand the basic anatomy of the cardiovascular system, but lightly reviews it anyways. If you're looking to fully learn the cardiovascular system, this book won't do that for you. It lightly covers some of the key points to get you through cardiology and that's about it. For the paramedic student, it provides what you will need to know. It does however, cover the electrical system of the heart very well. At first I thought the way the book was written was a little difficult. As you read it, it's reading as if there is a person sitting there talking to you about the topic. This was a little unconventional to me and initially it confused me a little bit on some topics, however, later in the book it makes things a lot easier to understand at time. I'm not all the way through the book yet but so far the information is very good and very detailed. Where most books will describe what the electrical impulses of the heart are doing, this book will compare it to something else to make it easier. That right there is what made many topics throughout cardiology clear to me. If you're looking for just a basic review on cardiology this is a great book to purchase. It gives the paramedic student everything they need to know about cardiology, and then a little extra. It does keep referring to the next book in the series about 12-lead ECGs, however, I don't feel the need to purchase it as a paramedic student. This book includes plenty of practice strips where it makes you break down and measure out the rhythm to determine what it is and then gives you the answers later in the book and explains why the answers are what they are. All in all I think this is a great book. It has a unique way of explaining the topics and it works very well. I initially reviewed this book to be a 4 out of 5. I have since come back to up it to a perfect score because as I got further and further into the book, the book did a better and better job of explaining everything.

If you've read Garcia and Holtz's The Art of Interpretation, you'll find yourself right at home with this book. While not broken down by skill level, it instead focuses on the general classes of arrhythmias. The structure of this book is more like a workbook, guiding you through the various classes of arrhythmias, completing each chapter with a short test. At the end of the book is a full blown rhythm test, not unlike those seen in Paramedic school. If you work your way through this book and Garcia's companion 12-Lead book, you will quickly master electrocardiography. I highly recommend this book for all levels of providers both prehospital and inhospital.

Arrhythmia recognition is the toughest part of EKG interpretation. Most books that teach it do so by illustrating each arrhythmia with a strip or two, usually using ideal examples. This approach leaves the reader ill prepared to recognize the variations that crop up in practice. The philosophy of this book is "you can't really know an arrhythmia unless you see it over and over". This book covers all the atrial and ventricular arrhythmias. Each brief but thorough chapter concisely explains the electrophysiology of the abnormal rhythm, well illustrated by copious full color graphics, and ends with a series of analyzed strips and EKGs that show the arrhythmia in all its possible presentations. As an example, I've always had a problem with recognizing atrial flutter at 2:1 conduction (anybody can recognize the 'saw tooth' pattern at higher ratios). After reading the chapter on the subject, I had it down cold. There are also quizzes and practice EKGs to drive home the skill, and the book has a corresponding Web site with further resources. Highly recommended.

This happens to be the best book I have found for learning and diagnosis of heart rhythms that I have ever found. It is a very clear book on the expected intervals and complexes and helps the nurse to diagnosis when they see something irregular.

This is by far the cream of the crop of ECG textbooks. Everything you could ever want to know about dysrhythmias is contained within this book. It is written in an intelligible fashion, with many great examples. There really is just no other ECG textbook like it.

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