

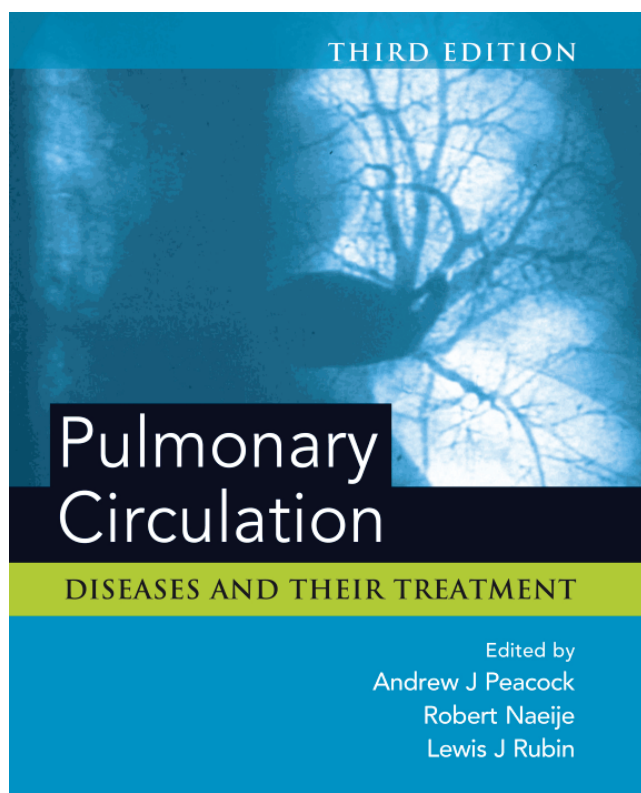
BOOK REVIEW

Pulmonary Circulation: Diseases and their Treatment. 3rd Edition.

Edited by A. Peacock, R. Naeije and L. Rubin.

Published by Hodder Arnold.

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This is the third edition of this textbook covering almost all aspects of the pulmonary circulation, even those not usually covered in such a compendium, *e.g.* the pulmonary circulation in special environments (high altitude and underwater) and in the intensive care unit. In addition, it is not usually common to include an extensive discussion of paediatric pulmonary hypertension in an offering directed mostly to physicians who deal with adults. As such, this is an outstanding reference for individuals who focus on the pulmonary circulation, whether they are pulmonologists or cardiologists.

However, because of the other sections, it might also be a useful resource for individuals who practice primarily in the intensive care unit, those who treat paediatric patients, or even for those who treat individuals who have become ill while at altitude or during underwater activities.

The only potential issue with this tome (it is over 700 pages) is that which occurs with any reference such as this; the treatment sections do not, and cannot, reflect the most up-to-date medications, changes and algorithms. That said, this remains an encyclopedic discussion of the pulmonary circulation that is very well-written and very well-organised, especially because of the key points listed at the end of each chapter.

I highly recommend it to anyone in the field; it will serve as an excellent initial resource when searching for information on any topic related to the pulmonary circulation.

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