Book review

Fast Facts: Rheumatoid Arthritis (2nd. edition)

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The Fast Facts: Rheumatoid Arthritis handbook is a comprehensive, easy-to-read guide to rheumatoid arthritis. This book belongs to a novel medical handbook series which covers more than 70 topics in medicine providing practical overviews on various disorders.

This handbook on rheumatoid arthritis is divided into ten chapters which exhaustively but, at the same time, concisely explore the etiopathogenesis, the epidemiology and the clinical presentation of the disease and discuss rheumatoid arthritis diagnostic algorythms, traditional and biological therapeutical approaches and future developments.

Particularly valuable is the effort of this second edition of the handbook in providing updated information on all the topics discussed, including a mention to the new rheumatoid arthritis classification criteria and to the role of anti-citrullinated peptide antibody (ACPA) in the diagnostic process of the disease.

Given its peculiar approach to rheumatoid arthritis, this book represents an excellent resource for a large target audience including doctors who are not necessarily specialists in rheumatology, medical students and allied healthcare professionals.

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