
**The longterm care of the
coronary patient - Mulcahy
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Churchill Livingstone £24.95
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The longterm care of the coronary patient represents a remarkable achievement about Dr Risteard Mulcahy in his quasi retirement. In 129 pages he succeeds in summarizing very well modern thinking and teaching in coronary artery disease from the basic science of the atherosclerotic plaque through to the clinical problems in hospital and general practice including rehabilitation and secondary prevention. His recommendations and observations are particularly valuable as they are based on his considerable experience over a generation as a Cardiologist in St Vincent's Hospital in Dublin. The clinical research of his team has been carefully collected, analysed and subjected to peer review in the International medical literature over 25 years. His contribution in pointing to the role of cessation of cigarette smoking in improving the natural history of patients with coronary disease is well known and the chapter on cigarette smoking is essential reading for all interested in helping patients to stop smoking for whatever reason.

The only negative points are the small print and the cost of £24.95 (UK), despite being published with the aid of a pharmaceutical company grant in aid.

This book can be strongly recommended for all hospital libraries and should be read by all caring for patients with coronary artery disease from the CCU to general practice.

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