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## Sommario/riassunto

Nursing the Cardiac Patient is a practical guide that addresses the management of cardiac patients across the spectrum of health care settings. It assists nurses in developing a complete understanding of the current evidence-based practice and principles underlying the care and management of the cardiac patient. It combines theoretical and practical components of cardiac care in an accessible and user-friendly format, with case studies and practical examples throughout.