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Designed for the practitioner, this handbook provides an easy-to-read overview of how to evaluate and treat patients with a history of fainting. The 2nd Edition has been fully revised to contain all the latest information concerning diagnosis and treatment. It is based on the 2004 update of the ESC Guidelines on the Management of Syncope and offers up-to-date direction based on comprehensive analysis. All chapters share a consistent structure and are concise - only essential references are included. However, each chapter comes with suggestions for further reading and a comprehensi

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