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With accompanying software! Clinicians manage a lot of data - on assorted bits of paper and in their heads. This book is about better ways to manage and understand large amounts of clinical data. Following on from his ground breaking book, *Evaluating the Processes of Neonatal Intensive Care*, Joseph Schulman has produced this eminently readable guide to patient data analysis. He demystifies the technical methodology to make this crucial aspect of good clinical practice understandable and usable for all health care workers. Computer technology has been relatively slow

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