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Cardiac amyloidosis (CA) is caused by the accumulation of amyloid fibrils in the extracellular space of the myocardium, with clinical manifestations including conduction disturbances and heart failure. CA has traditionally been considered a rare disease, lacking effective therapies and with a poor prognosis, but in recent years, increased possibilities for non-invasive diagnosis and greater awareness of the disease have led to the identification of a growing number of cases, challenging the concept of CA as a rare disease. This is why the ability to recognise and manage patients with CA should become part of the core curriculum of cardiologists, but also of internal medicine specialists, neurologists, nephrologists, haematologists, and general practitioners. This book, written by leading experts in the field, will provide the state-of-the-art in the diagnosis and management of CA and will also discuss the latest research developments and future research directions. The volume appears to be a timely one, given the great interest of clinicians and researchers in CA and the exponential increase in publications in recent year, and will be of interest to cardiologists, internal medicine and other disciplines specialists who may encounter patients with CA in their clinical practice, as well as general practitioners.