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asthma. All of these diseases are growing in prevalence in the Western world, most likely as a consequence of increased environmental pollution and increased exposure to allergens. Reviewing current treatment options, *Therapeutic Strategies in COPD* helps doctors improve the quality of life of patients suffering from this disease. Each chapter is devoted to a specific group of drugs and features tables and graphs illustrating key points, trial results, and therapeutic protocols, presenting an authoritative and critical appraisal of each one. An integrated resource for the care of COPD patients, the book focuses on the basic mechanisms of action and pharmacology, therapeutic applications, and treatment strategies."--Provided by publisher.
