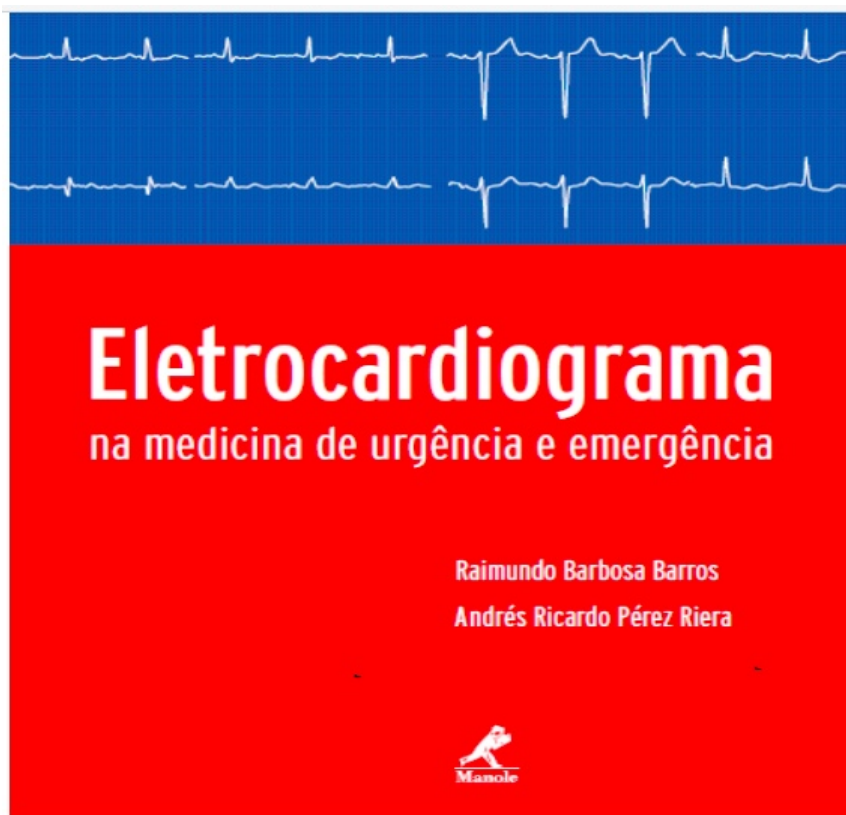


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In many languages the word Medicine relates to the art of healing. Just take the Dutch word for it: Geneeskunde – Genees from healing and Kunde from to be able to do it or to have the capacity to heal or be blessed with the art of healing. This artistic aspect of Medicine is usually forgotten. Doctors are seen as a sort of biological machine with programmed knowledge that reacts to certain stimuli, being the complaints of the patients or the results of multitude of tests. Nothing more wrong than this thought. Dealing with

biological phenomena is far from solving a mathematical problem or the newspaper sudoku.

By definition, solving a diagnosis involves more than intelligence, more than knowledge, even more than detective intuition, it involves a very special part of our brains that makes “pattern recognition” possible. And not only “pattern recognition”, but instant pattern recognition. You may think, what is that? Well, that is what this book is offering to physicians, nurses and allied professionals that have to deal with rapid (almost instant) diagnoses in the emergency room. It is the art of imprinting an electrocardiographic image in your brain that you will recognize forever any time you come across it. This is a most welcome book that was long needed.

Enjoy it!