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**T**he book represents a compilation of papers on related topics. Not written in the typical prose pattern of a textbook since one chapter does not necessarily lead to another.

The book content is mainly on the central role of endothelial dysfunction in the pathogenesis of various cardiovascular diseases, as well as the place of nitric oxide in maintaining normal endothelial function. The leading role of diabetes mellitus and insulin resistance in causing endothelial dysfunction is highlighted in most parts of the book. The remaining discussions are mainly on the pathways through which other endocrine/metabolic abnormalities and the emerging cardiovascular risk factors cause endothelial dysfunction.

The book made a commendable effort in compiling papers mainly on diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease. There is a detailed discussion of pathogenetic pathways in the genesis of cardiovascular disease and answers are provided to questions on how and why.

The book will be useful to resident doctors in internal medicine particularly those in endocrinology and cardiology. It will also be useful to postgraduate research students in diabetology and doctors who wish to update their knowledge on the various links between the traditional and emerging cardiovascular risk factors. It may be difficult for medical students to appreciate because the text is not written in flowing prose format.

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