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LAHB Left anterior hemiblock
LBBB Left bundle branch block
LPHB Left posterior hemiblock
LVH Left ventricular hypertrophy
MI Myocardial infarction
MVPS Mitral valve prolapse syndrome
PAT Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
RB Reciprocal beat
RBBB Right bundle branch block
RVH Right ventricular hypertrophy
S-A Sino-atrial
SSS Sick sinus syndrome
TFB Trifascicular block
VEB Ventricular escape beat
VER Ventricular escape rhythm
VF Ventricular fibrillation
VPC Ventricular premature contraction
VT Ventricular tachycardia
WPW syndrome Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome

Preface

It is not my intention to describe every aspect of ECG abnormalities and cardiac arrhythmias. Rather, the primary intention is to include all ECG tracings showing relatively common ECG abnormalities and somewhat complex cardiac arrhythmias which are frequently encountered in our medical practice. Thus, the book is written primarily for busy practicing physicians including family physicians, internists, cardiologists, emergency room physicians and medical house officers as well as cardiology fellows. In addition, medical students, cardiac care nurses and anesthesiologists will obtain great benefit by reading this book. The secretarial activity was carried out cheerfully by Ms. Michele Harvey, the personal
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