

Foreword

Why do we need another ECG book when so many good, and some not so good, ECG textbooks, atlases, manuals, and guides are available? My former colleague of many years, Dr. Hans-Holger Ebert, has written an ECG guide which bridges the gap between the ECG atlases and textbooks based on electrophysiology. It gives the reader a closer understanding of the subject, including valuable ECG conduction diagrams, which can be used for teaching purposes, and clear, standardized schematic diagrams. Corresponding characteristic ECGs and the basics of electrophysiology are explained in a manner which makes them easily comprehensible. Konrad Spang, one of the pioneers of cardiology in Germany, said in 1957: "The correct interpretation of rhythm disorders often demands great effort and detailed in-depth analysis. Conducting such analyses is of huge didactic value. This is a pathway for the development of the ability to make exact observations and also sharpens the senses in other areas..."

Easy ECG meets these demands. The author has linked electrocardiographic phenomena and the underlying electrophysiological principles with practical conclusions for clinical diagnosis and treatment. Many years of experience in cardiology in hospital and outpatient settings have been of value to the author, and the numerous internships he has supervised and lectures he has given have benefited his teaching skills.

I hope *Easy ECG* will draw many interested readers and contribute to an in-depth understanding of current diagnostic and therapeutic options to be derived from ECG analysis, just as a pilot boat guides ships safely in and out the harbor.

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