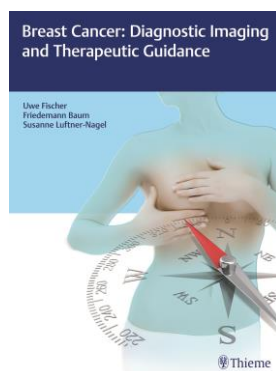


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Book reviewed by Lucie Magilton Griffin, radiographic advanced practitioner, Aintree University Hospital.

As the title of this textbook suggests it concentrates on the diagnostic and therapeutic techniques involved in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

The reader will find a well-presented, clear and logical layout that guides them through breast anatomy and tumour formation; different types of benign and malignant lesions; clinical examination and investigation; radiological investigation (imaging and image-guided tissue sampling); surgical and post-surgical options; and finally post-treatment and psychological care. The language used is academic, scientific and medical without being ambiguous. This allows non-breast specialists to clearly understand the information presented.

The textbook has been split into 15 easy-to-follow parts, each illustrated with high quality images and photographs that complement the text and assist in highlighting key information. The authors have also used multiple tables and small 'notes', 'practical tips' and 'take home point' boxes, which this reader found particularly useful in consolidating some of the information in the text. The sections dedicated to imaging concentrate mainly on mammography, ultrasound and MRI in the detection of breast cancer. These sections are very well-written and contain a significant amount of information regarding modality specific physics and how this affects the production of an image. This then progresses to describe the image criteria for characterising breast lesions, which is accompanied by a concise table. The final part of the imaging section describes the classification of the tissue, ie densities, BI-RADS. This is the only negative point; the information is highly valuable and informative but the authors have chosen to use the BI-RADS classification system in characterising the imaging findings. This classification is not widely used in the UK and could make this book slightly

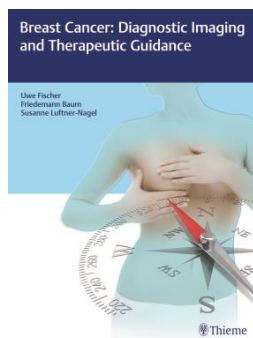
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less appealing to the UK market. Having said that, the content is highly informative and very well portrayed.

Immediately following the breast imaging sections there is an extremely useful chapter on imaging of breast lesions. This section consolidates all the specific imaging findings and how to characterise and make a definitive diagnosis of a variety of breast pathologies including the mammographic, MRI and ultrasonographic features of each pathology.

On a final note, within the preface the authors do state that due to the variation of guidelines and recommendations between countries, they have used the European (German) recommendations. This would account for the choice of BI-RADS classification being used and although this does not affect the content of the textbook, it is worth considering if your guidelines differ.

Overall this is a well-written textbook that would be useful to non-breast specialists and students as a good all-round textbook on the diagnosis and treatments of breast cancer.

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