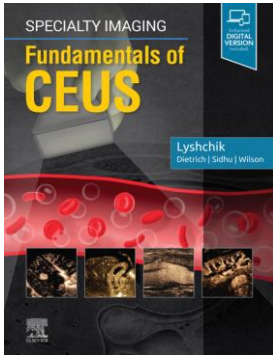


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### REVIEW

*Book reviewed by Dr Roger Moshy, consultant radiologist, North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust.*

This book, despite some irritations and disappointment, is an excellent primer/reference text in contrast-enhanced sonographic (CEUS) practice. In short I recommend it to every self-respecting 21st century ultrasound department in the UK and anywhere else encompassed by the readership of this journal.

“Ah,” you say, “I can stop reading any more,” but please read on.

The advent of practical useable ultrasound contrast agents some years back very much enhanced the diagnostic value of sonography and yet CEUS seems to have fallen flat in the UK. I explored the possible reasons for this at the 2018 RCR conference and concluded that there was a complexity of factors. Ultimately the reasons are the failure of imaging departments to give ultrasound its due merit and the fact that many imaging specialists and virtually all our medical colleagues just do not understand CEUS and are hooked on CT and MRI. In the end just a failure of trust.

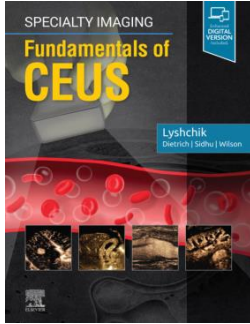
In view of the above it falls on ultrasound champions to push for exemplary practice and in this case the best includes CEUS. But how to start? And, if you have started, how to consolidate? And when you are consolidating – how to progress? This book will answer those questions.

The book is divided into chapters that cover an introduction into agents, technique and then coverage of all the major and minor uses. Each individual section is divided into key facts and then clinical sections covering techniques, indications and findings. Of necessity this means there are some repetitions but I do not think this matters because repetition is often an aid to learning.

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The individual chapters are colour coded by tabs at the page end, however, these tabs are all superimposed on each other making selection difficult – a minor but irritating fault.

The illustrations are lavish and of excellent quality. No book on ultrasound can be without good illustrations and thank goodness these are excellent. CEUS is a dynamic process and some cases need multiple images. The layout makes it difficult sometimes to appreciate that contiguous illustrations are part of the same case.

At last to my one and only major disappointment. The book is part of the Elsevier Expert Consult specialist imaging series and thus is available as a digital version. I expected the digital version to have video sequences of the illustrations in real-time to view – but I couldn't find any. Why? Surely ultrasound – particularly CEUS – deserves video sequences?

Notwithstanding the above, I strongly recommend this book to get you started in CEUS and open your eyes to 21st century sonography. Prepare yourselves for the time when sonography and therapeutics go hand in hand – but that's another story.

CEUS should be in your regular practice and not a luxury adjunct. Go for it – what are you waiting for?

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