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FOREWORD

This book is composed of invited lectures and free papers presented at the 14th World Congress on Heart Disease – International Academy of Cardiology Annual Scientific Sessions 2008, held in Toronto, ON, Canada, July 26-29, 2008.

The volume contains contributions by leading authorities on the latest research developments in Cardiovascular Medicine, primarily in the areas of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Coronary Artery Disease, Heart Failure, Cardiac Arrhythmias and Cardiac Surgery. The information included in these articles will prove to be of great value to cardiologists and scientists involved in research and patient care.

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