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- The radiofrequency fields that occur during an MRI can heat ECG cables and electrodes, seriously burning the skin (p. 18).
- Along with respiratory distress, petechiae on the conjunctiva, chest, neck, or axillae are a hallmark of fat embolism (p. 22).
- Many patients with pacemakers have left axis deviation on ECG because the pacemaker leads are on the right side of the heart (p. 40).
- Treat a patient with an elevated INR and serious bleeding by discontinuing warfarin therapy and administering 10 mg of vitamin K by slow I.V. infusion, as ordered (p. 44).
- Wearing contact lenses may diminish or abolish the corneal reflex (p. 48).

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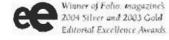
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