The implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) has undergone spectacular progress and has revolutionized the treatment of patients at risk of sudden cardiac death. In addition, many heart failure patients now receive cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) in conjunction with an ICD.

Although the number of ICD implantations is growing rapidly, the underlying technology and ICD function remain difficult to understand. Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators Step-by-Step takes the reader through the important aspects of ICD therapy step-by-step, using easily understandable full-page illustrations, accompanied by explanatory text and representative ICD tracings.