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Title:	Book Review: Macioia's The practice of Chinese medicine: the treatment of diseases with acupuncture and Chinese herbs, 3 rd edition, Giovanni Macioia
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Type:	Book Review
Author(s)/ Presenter(s):	Mei Wang
Abstract (or Book Review):	<p>Description: This is the third edition of this book, first published in 1994 and then in 2008. This edition retains the majority of the original text to preserve its legacy and worth. The updates in this edition are crucial from both a practical and educational quality. First, some of Giovanni Maciocia's vast blog posts, written in the latter years of his life, have been included. Second, Giovanni's debate on the Triple Burner, sexuality in Chinese medicine, a summary outline on the integration of Chinese herbal medicine with acupuncture, and a tongue gallery are incorporated in this edition.</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose is to meet the increasing demand for this textbook. This book illustrates the progress and awareness of Chinese medicine in the West. The objective seems to be to present Chinese medicine in a complete form, in a way that demonstrates both Eastern and Western perspectives of disease and the difference in diagnosis and expansion based on the latest research. The book succeeds in meeting this objective.</p> <p>Audience: This book is written for students and practitioners who are earnestly interested in Chinese medicine. It is not light reading as it is presented comprehensively. The contributors to the book are a group of experienced individuals with Chinese and Western medicine educational backgrounds and considerable clinical experience, who all knew Giovanni personally.</p> <p>Features: This book covers the advancement and understanding of Chinese medicine in western countries. A "Red Flags" checklist of signs and symptoms has been included in the majority of the chapters. The chapters have been alphabetized by disease, and all the bibliographical references have been noted. All Chinese text is written in simplified Chinese characters.</p>

	<p>Assessment: This book offers deep insights into Chinese medicine. I do not know of another book that covers this material in a similarly unique way, with Giovanni's personal blog posts having been incorporated to share his own words and insights. This helps amplify the level of education to generations of students and practitioners approaching Chinese medicine. The updated edition is an improvement from both a practical and educational manner.</p>
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