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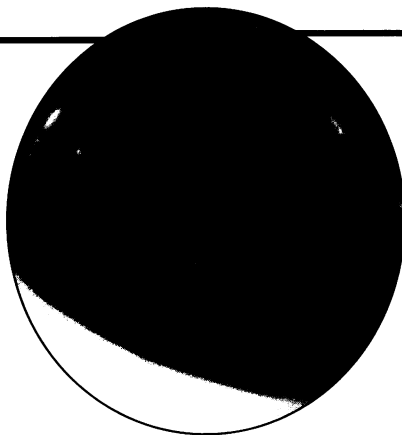
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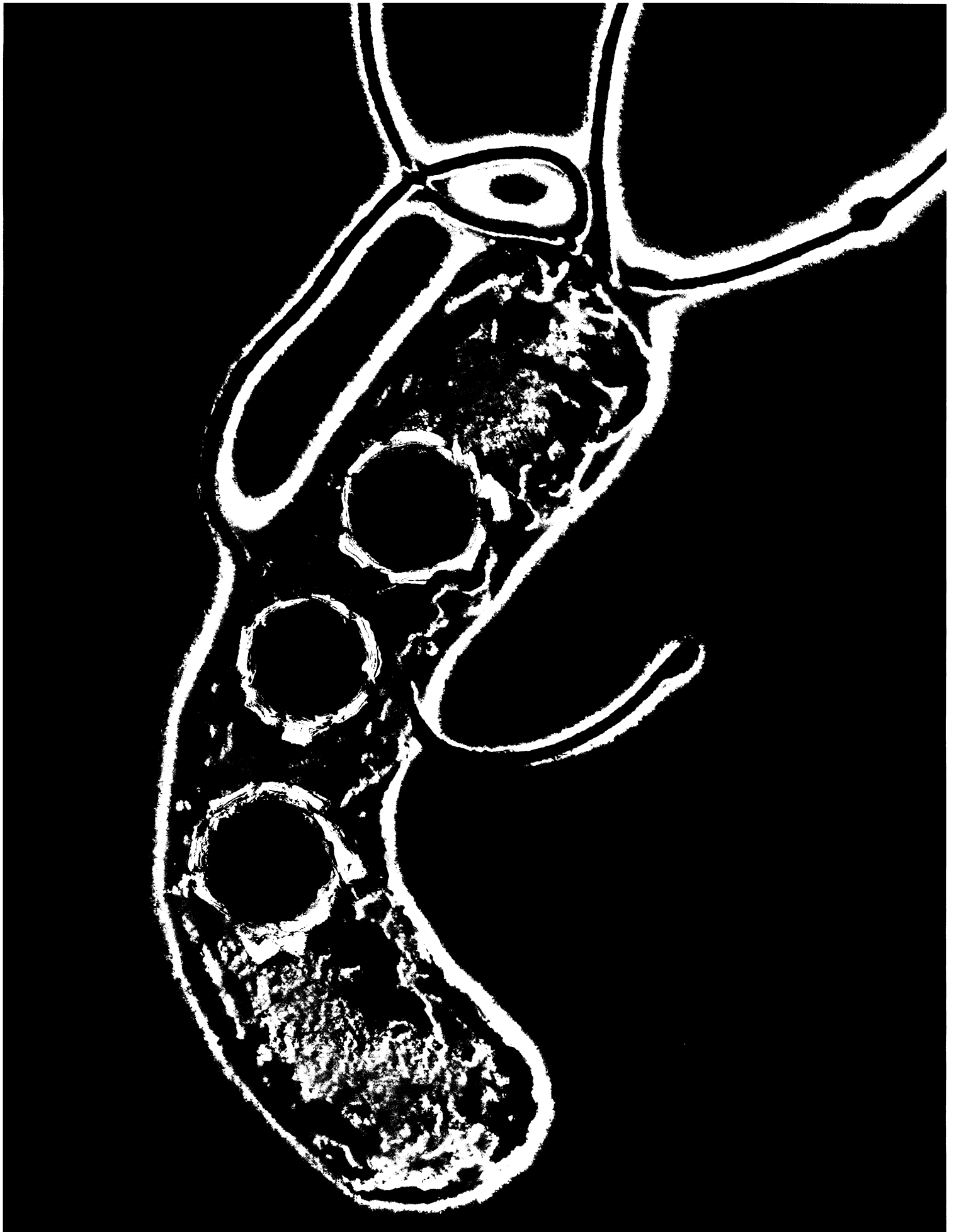
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any of the ingredients. **Precautions** In gastric ulcer exclude malignancy before treatment. Plasma levels increased in renal impairment and elderly. Avoid use in extreme renal impairment (see data sheet). Avoid in patients with history of acute porphyria. As contains bismuth not recommended for maintenance use or more than 16 weeks in a year. See prescribing information for amoxicillin or clarithromycin before co-prescribing. **Side Effects**

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Dosage and Administration: Lansoprazole should be administered once daily. *Duodenal ulcer:* 30 mg daily for 4-8 weeks, then 15 mg for maintenance dose. *Reflux oesophagitis:* 30 mg daily for 4-8 weeks, then 15 mg for maintenance dose. *Benign gastric ulcer:* 30 mg daily for 8 weeks. The maintenance dose in GORD can be increased to 30 mg depending on patient response. Do not chew or crush capsules. Swallow whole. No dosage adjustment is necessary in the elderly, or patients with renal or hepatic impairment. There is no experience with Lansoprazole in children. **Contra-indications:** No known contra-

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the bioavailability of digoxin. **PHARMACEUTICAL PRECAUTIONS:** Use within three months of opening. Store below 30°C. Replace cap firmly after use. Dispense in original container. **LEGAL CATEGORY:** POM. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** *Helicobacter pylori* (Hp) is associated with acid peptic and ulcer disease, contributing to gastritis and ulcer recurrence. Eradication of Hp with omeprazole and antibiotics gives rapid symptom relief, high healing rates and long-term remission of ulcer disease.

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PRESCRIBING INFORMATION:

Indications Duodenal ulcer (including those associated with *H. pylori* infection), benign gastric ulcer, postoperative ulcer, oesophageal reflux disease, Zollinger Ellison Syndrome, prophylaxis of gastrointestinal haemorrhage from stress ulcer, recurrent haemorrhage from bleeding peptic ulcer, acid aspiration (Mendelson's Syndrome). Tablets, Syrup, Effervescent Tablets only, ulcers associated with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), prevention of NSAID-associated duodenal ulcer, chronic episodic dyspepsia, severe oesophagitis, long-term management of healed oesophagitis. **Dosage Adults:** Duodenal ulceration and gastric ulceration: A single 300mg dose at bedtime or 150mg twice daily in the morning and evening for four weeks. In duodenal ulcer, 300mg twice daily produces higher healing rates at four weeks. Continued maintenance treatment of 150mg at bedtime is recommended for patients with a history of recurrent ulceration. Duodenal ulcers associated with *H. pylori*, 300mg at bedtime or 150mg twice daily with oral amoxicillin 750mg three times daily and metronidazole 500mg three times daily for 2 weeks. Zantac therapy then continued for a further 2 weeks. Ulcers following non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs: 150mg twice daily for up to eight weeks. Prevention of NSAID-associated duodenal ulcer: 150mg twice daily concomitantly with NSAID therapy. Chronic episodic

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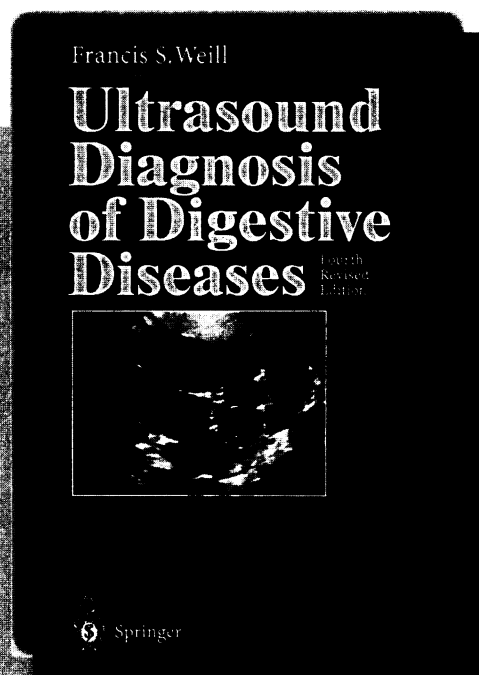
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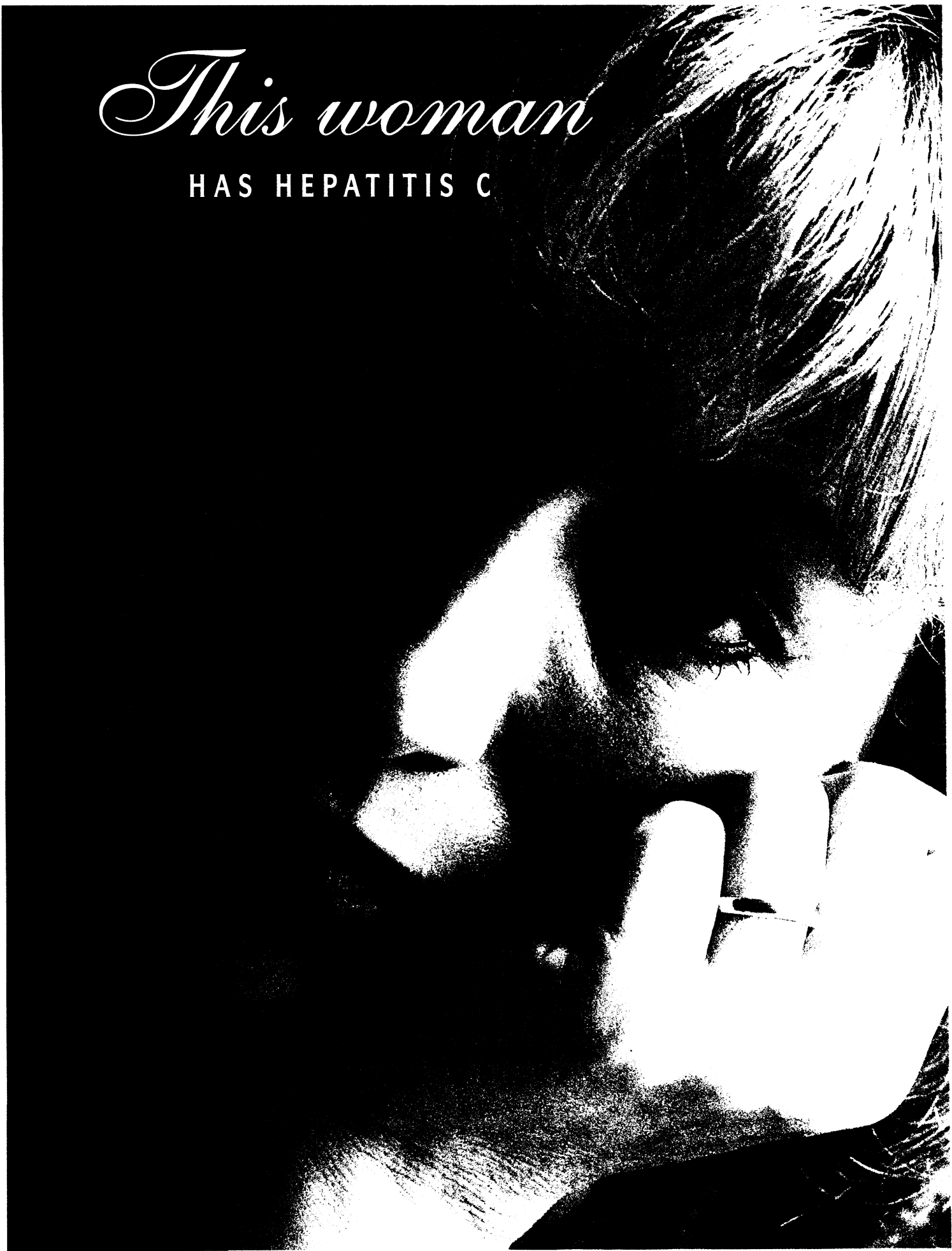
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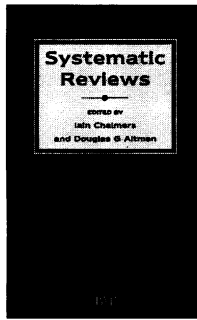


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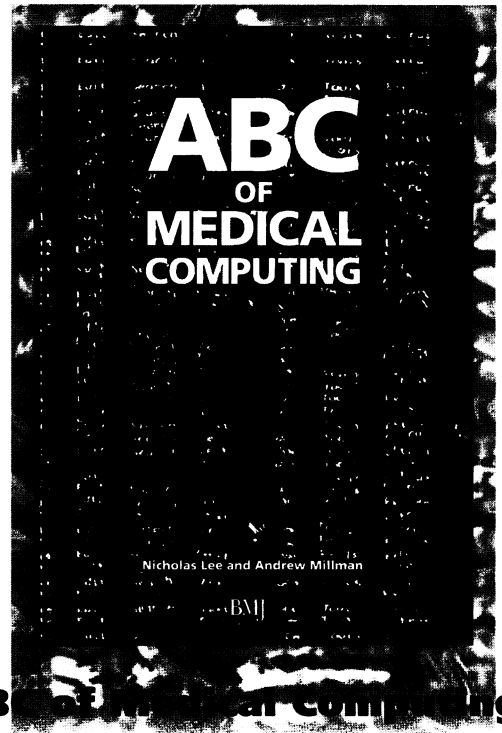
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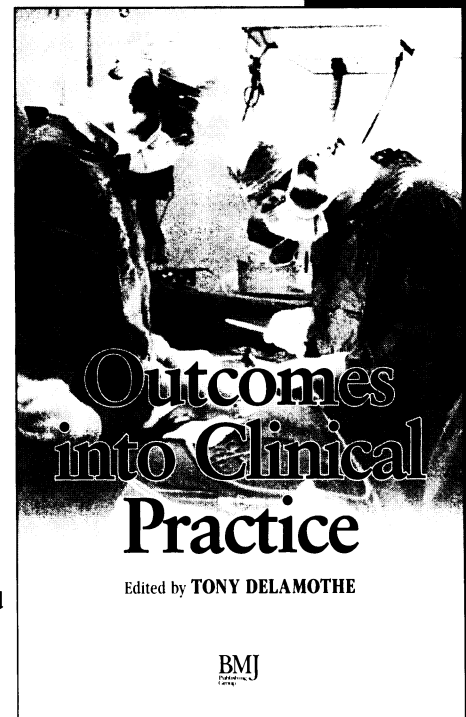
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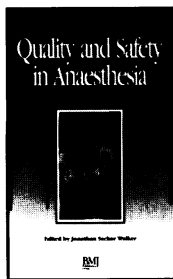
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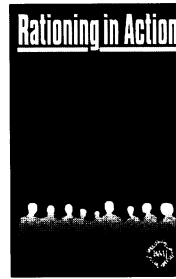
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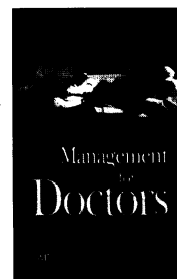
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