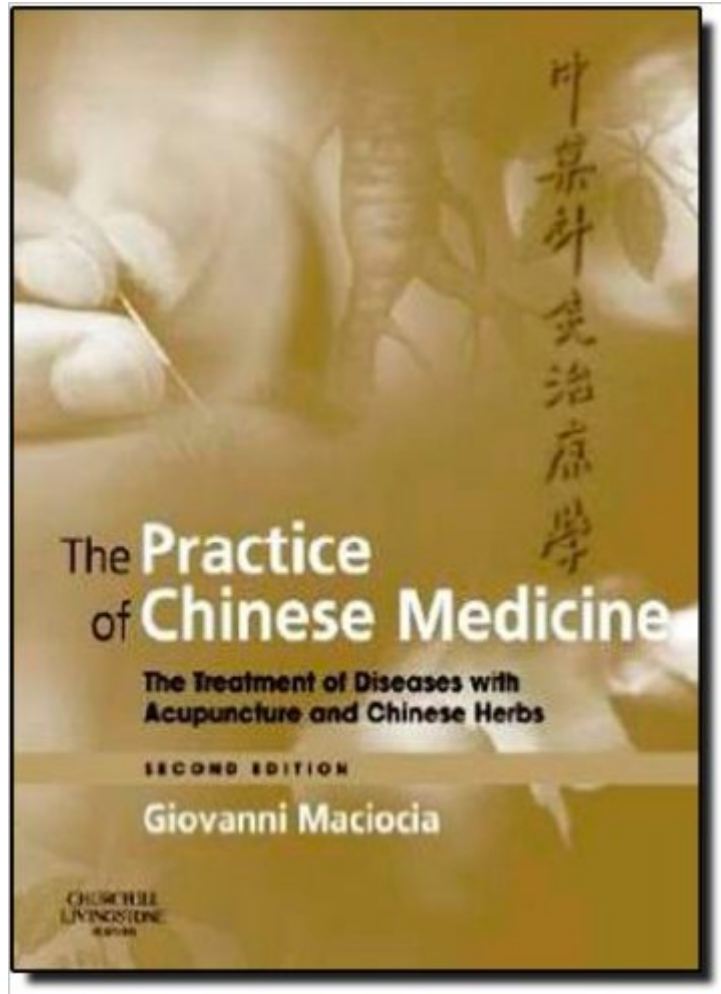


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# The Practice Of Chinese Medicine: The Treatment Of Diseases With Acupuncture And Chinese Herbs, 2e



## Synopsis

The 2nd edition of *The Practice of Chinese Medicine: The Treatment of Diseases with Acupuncture and Chinese Herbs* describes the application of traditional Chinese medical theory to the diagnosis and treatment of 48 diseases, conditions and disorders. In addition to the existing 34 covered in the first edition, 14 new conditions and symptoms have been added, and these include common, chronic, and acute conditions which clinicians may see in their practice. Each chapter contains aetiology and pathology; differential diagnosis according to TCM; selection of treatments with acupuncture and herbs, with explanation of choices; case studies for illustration; summary of Western differential diagnosis; and discussion of prognosis and prevention. This book brings the enormous wealth of the author's experience, and his insights in applying TCM medicine to a Western context, to the support of all clinicians whatever their own range of experiences.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is huge, even though it's only about 34 diseases. It's filled with case studies that easily transform into CA state board test questions. My study partner went through and pulled every one of these case studies out to memorize them. I found myself doing the same, since I disagreed with Giovanni's diagnosis about 25% of the time... I had to memorize his diagnosis anyway. In one case, he got no result, and consulted with a Chinese doctor, who diagnosed the patient the way I had when I first saw the signs and symptoms! What's really infuriating is when he uses a rationale to diagnose something one way in one place, but then doesn't consistently apply that in other

cases. So, we are required to know Giovanni's opinions and diagnosis style even if they may be wrong. It would have been nice to see - in a reference book - a separation between mistaken treatments and ideal/accurate treatments. Also, there are short sections on western diagnosis in some diseases... but be careful, because biomedicine frequently revises its understandings. This is NOT your source for clinical biomedical info. It may be easy to understand, but may not be up to date or accurate. There is an interesting section on distal points and their target areas. As with Giovanni's book, the Foundations of Chinese Medicine, it's not always clear if his ideas come from classical CM or from his own mind. I'd caution the reader to balance their understanding with the works of Wiseman, Deadman, and Sionneau.

I initially dove into this book, very well laid out and attractive but don't be deceived it's not the be all of diagnosis despite it's mammoth number of pages. As far as I've been trained, he's about 70% of the full story ... definately a wonderful introduction to TCM's internal medicine but not everything you need to know. His appendix pages on western differentiation are very welcomed, but are quite basic. Many people in TCM are not so interested in Western meds. but they are very important so thumbs up on the inclusion. It's not a bad book, but it's not so great as the Chinese texts I have in my library who give you the same info at a fraction of the cost, less room on your shelf and a lot less speculation. Thanks to Maciocia we have a solid intro to TCM, for that I think we are all indebted ... but his factory of TCM books are a bit much considering you can get the real info from the source in Chinese Textbooks with both Chinese and English in them. Yours, Hastings

Mr. Giovanni is the best in TCM. Some people may not find it that way because he is not consistent in his treatment. But the way I understood TCM is that no two cases can be alike; you have to logically take each case and analyze it and prescribe the treatment protocol accordingly. Therefore, one case will be different from the other. I like the way Mr. Giovanni analyze the case. It is very useful and also easy to read, unlike other TCM books. You may not find every case you encounter in this book; but this book can give you a good foundation. The rest you have to be able to think out of the box, think on your feet, think logically, when you see your patients. That is the challenge of being a doctor or practitioner. A heart surgeon can read the structure and function of a heart from a book; but when he goes in to do the surgery, he will not find the heart so organized and meticulous. He has to use his logic and tactfulness to do the surgery. The book can give him only a general idea. Each body he operates on will vary. Similarly, Mr. Giovanni's book cannot tell you everything; but it is a great foundation to get the knowledge you want for your practice.

This book blends, technically yet accessibly, Oriental and Western Medicine. Clear and to the point, it comprises abundant case studies to illustrate the diseases and treatments presented. It is a must for anyone incorporating Oriental Medicine/Western Medicine in their practice.

This is a text we used in school (clinic). This text arrived in new condition, and is serving my needs as I prepare for national exams. I prefer the layout of this text vs. Maciocia's Diagnosis in Chinese Medicine, which was another often used reference in clinic. Very large text, not useful for toting along, desktop reference only.

This is my second purchase of this amazing book. This is the second edition of this book. Giovanni has added much to it. My one regret over the first edition is the change/elimination of the appendix on coupled balanced point use. He says in the foreword that the information is in the body of the chapters on individual diseases, but it's not so easy to find. I still refer to the first edition appendix for insight into balanced/coupled points. This book is incredible for insight into diagnosing and treatment of Western Medical Conditions with clear translations to their Chinese Medicine interpretations. With this book as reference, there's no one or any medical condition with an intact suffering human that you can't help (see your local ER for when a broken fibula has ruptured the skin, for example). The second edition, with all its additions, I found unwieldy due to the weight. I would avoid referring to it when I knew I should. The new kindle edition is brilliant in the extreme. The book now weighs what my kindle weighs. I can access the book from any device (office computer, for example). Not all his books are yet in the kindle format, but I'll rebuy (yes, I have them all, and all editions) when/as they become available.

As a student of Chinese Medicine, this book is priceless. It is, however, massive and carrying it around is not appealing. The Kindle version follows me on my phone (Note 2) and tablet. The links in the book make it easy to navigate sections and chapter. I highlight often and make notes which are all stored in for me in a section that I can return to. I look forward to more school texts on Kindle; the way to go!

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