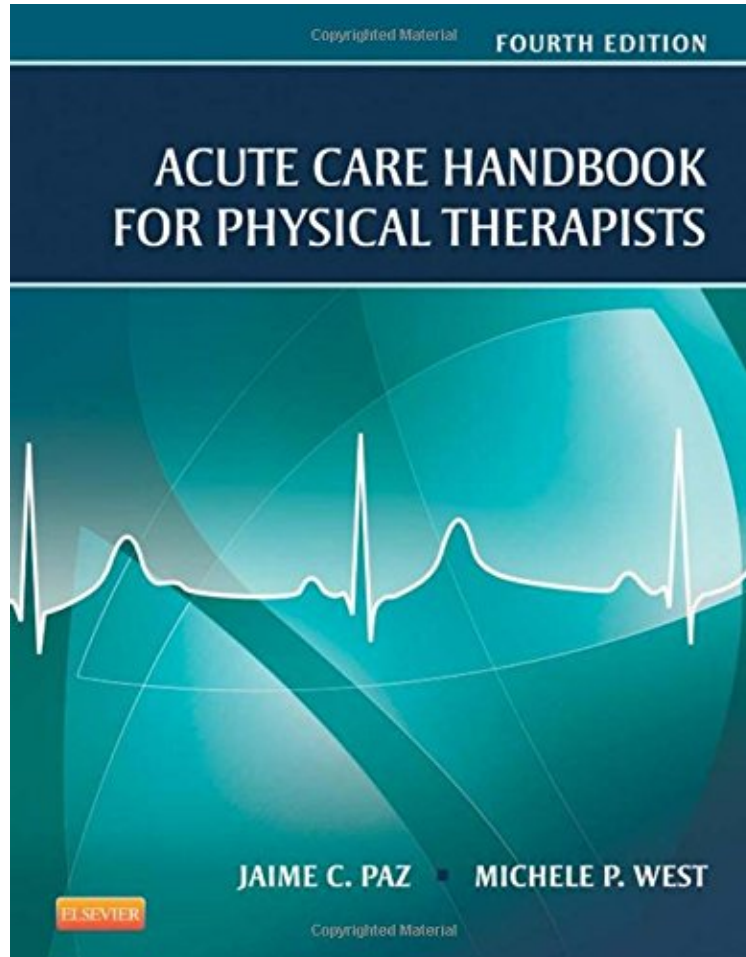


## Acute Care Handbook for Physical Therapists, 4e

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