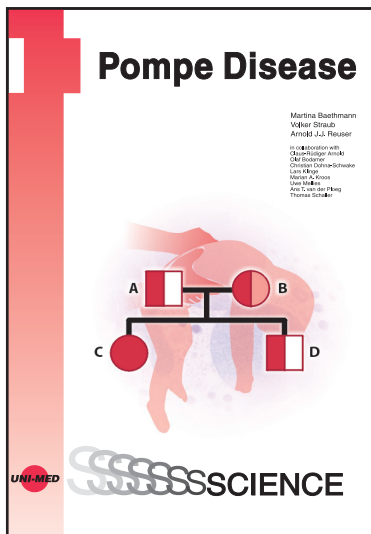


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Pompe disease is a rare, but severe disease with a broad spectrum of clinical features. A correct and prompt diagnosis is dependant of experience and interdisciplinary cooperation. The recent introduction of enzyme replacement therapy represents a milestone in disease management and has improved the quality of life of many patients. Nonetheless, competent guidance is needed concerning non-invasive respiratory support, physiotherapy and diet. This textbook is aimed at informing physicians of all involved disciplines as well as interested lay people. It features an up-to-date insight into pathogenesis, symptoms, diagnosis and therapeutic options. Additionally, Pompe disease self-help groups have contributed valuable information, including relevant internet-links, to facilitate the exchange of experiences with everyday aspects of the illness.

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