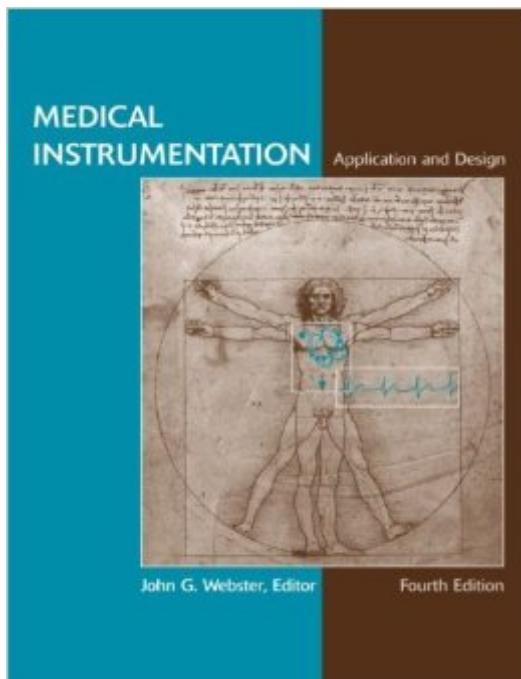


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It talks about a lot of things, but issues are about one paragraph; thus, it's not very good for understanding the equipment in depth. You should get to know general instrumentation and engineering beforehand. This might be something that prompts interest, but it doesn't quite help you develop anything, and you will definitely need a refresher of undergraduate engineering.

This book is a graduate level book that is very in depth. The subject is broad so they only spend a little in each section. So much so that my prof. has his own "casebook" to help us learn practical biomedical instrumentation techniques.

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