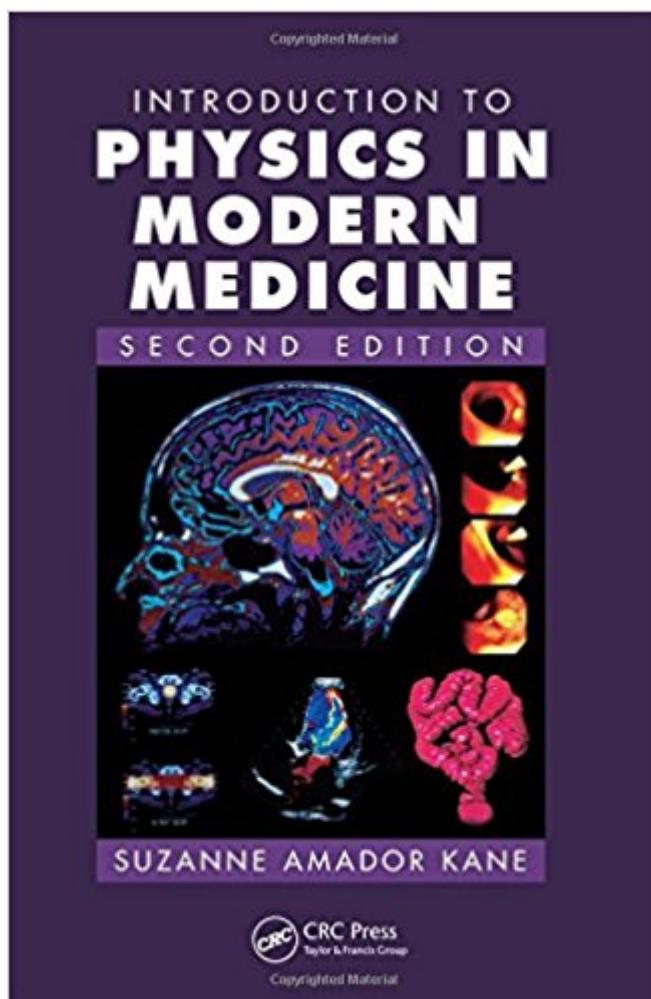The book was found

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Synopsis

From x-rays to lasers to magnetic resonance imaging, developments in basic physics research have been transformed into medical technologies for imaging, surgery and therapy at an ever accelerating pace. Physics has joined with genetics and molecular biology to define much of what is modern in modern medicine. Covering a wide range of applications, Introduction to Physics in Modern Medicine, Second Edition builds on the bestselling original. Based on a course taught by the author, the book provides medical personnel and students with an exploration of the physics-related applications found in state-of-the-art medical centers.   Requiring no previous acquaintance with physics, biology, or chemistry and keeping mathematics to a minimum, the application-dedicated chapters adhere to simple and self-contained qualitative explanations that make use of examples and illustrations. With an enhanced emphasis on digital imaging and computers in medicine, the text gives readers a fundamental understanding of the practical application of each concept and the basic science behind it. This book provides medical students with an excellent introduction to how physics is applied in medicine, while also providing students in physics with an introduction to medical physics. Each chapter includes worked examples and a complete list of problems and questions.   That so much of the technology discussed in this book was the stuff of dreams just a few years ago, makes this book as fascinating as it is practical, both for those in medicine as well as those in physics who might one day discover that the project they are working on is basis for the next great medical application.   This edition: Covers hybrid scanners for cancer imaging and the interplay of molecular medicine with imaging technologies such as MRI, CT and PET   Looks at camera pills that can film from the inside upon swallowing and advances in robotic surgery devices   Explores Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy, proton therapy, and other new forms of cancer treatment Reflects on the use of imaging technologies in developing countries

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Ã¢â ¬Â| textbooks introducing this topic to students from non-scientific backgrounds need to present the fundamental theory in a manner that is easily grasped yet sufficiently in depth to enable the reader to appreciate its application to real problems. Introduction to Physics in Modern Medicine manages to tread this fine line admirably. Ã¢â ¬Â| To make this second edition up to date, the author describes a number of recent advances Ã¢â ¬Â| the contents are thoroughly grounded in well-explained practical examples. Ã¢â ¬Â| [a] well-researched book that renders complex subject matter thoroughly understandable and enjoyable.Ã¢â ¬â ¢Contemporary Physics, Vol. 52, Issue 2, 2011

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Great pictures and good examples but it would be helpful to locate a key for the questions at the end of the chapters. Some of these questions were tough to figure out and even our professor was struggling.

While the book covers the basics, if you want more in depth information then look elsewhere. A good starter but read on, read on

Nice and interesting book. Very comprehensive even to beginners in physics. It arrived very quickly. I was able to read ahead for class, before any homework was even assigned.

Great

This book turned out to be different to my expectations. It is not a rigid textbook (like Essential Physics of Medical Imaging)It is written informally but provides a lot of detail to increase understanding of common medical investigative and therapeutic techniques.The book, in addition to the underlying physics, provides background context for the discussion as well as some rationale for use with citations of relevant clinical and epidemiological data. Chapters end with the frontiers of current technology and possible future directions. I appreciated this, however, thought it was less considered than the effort in explaining the physics.I think (as the author writes in the preface, and the title states) this is an introduction to physics in modern medicine. I enjoyed it.

Increasingly in medicine, tools or techniques based on advances in physics have been making their mark. A problem that then arises is how to educate health professionals and students in this area about the basic physical principles behind these advances. Kane does a nice job of tackling the problem.You don't need a degree in physics, or a heavy mathematical background to benefit from this text.The idea behind lasers, and how they are used in surgery - from dermatology to retinal corrections to internal surgery - are clearly explained.Of course, MRI and PET principles are covered, with the reader getting some appreciation of the immense computing power needed to obtain even the simplest images.Even the century-old Xrays are explained. Though here one might imagine that there must be many existing texts with excellent discussions of this. But Xrays are included in this text for completeness.

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