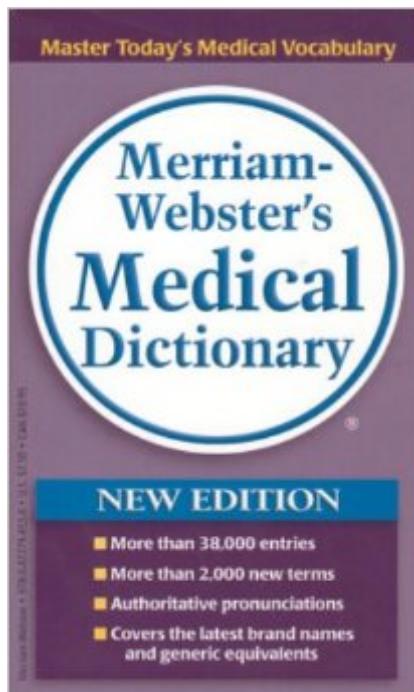


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As a medical transcriptionist with limited office space in my home, even shelf space for my reference material is limited. I could have gotten a larger, more complete medical dictionary, and frankly there have been times that would have come in handy. But due to space considerations, this almost pocket-sized (yet very thick) volume has been a very pleasant surprise. While some features of larger dictionaries are missing, such as cross-referencing and extensive lists under "syndrome," "disease," etc., in my line of work I usually only need the spelling of such terms rather than definition, and I have specialty books from Stedman's to provide that; for a quick reference to find definitions of the 35,000 terms in this book, I'm thrilled to have an inexpensive, compact reference like this.

My wife just returned to doing medical transcription work from home. We needed a medical dictionary for the words she was not familiar with. We opted for Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary. We are very pleased with this medical dictionary, primarily because it is bundled with the CD-ROM. The dictionary itself contains 57,000 medical terms with understandable definitions. The

definitions are more limited than in Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. For example, the MW definition of sclerosis includes reference to one other disease (multiple sclerosis). Dorland's definition of sclerosis includes references to about 40 varieties of sclerosis (including brief explanations of each). Therefore, the MW medical dictionary is not the most exhaustive on the market. It certainly would not do for a Doctor, but it is quite sufficient for a home dictionary. The MW medical dictionary is not illustrated, nor does it include abbreviations for the terms defined. We were very glad to find the MW bundled with the CD-ROM. The CD version of the dictionary includes a search engine. So, when doing transcription, the search engine can be used on the dictionary without having to pull out a book and sift through 57,000 definitions. This is a great bonus. The CD also includes abbreviations for the medical terms. They even included a feature allowing you to hear the word pronounced correctly. I only found one drawback to the search engine. When looking at the list of terms you have to click on a term to see the definition. Sometimes two words are spelled similarly and sound nearly the same. If the word you clicked on is not the word you need, you have to clear the search and start over - there is no way to return to the list of words from your original query. At least, we have not found a way to do so. Overall, the Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary has met our needs. We are pleased with the purchase.

I am a graduate student studying Forensic Medicine, Forensic Pathology and Forensic Anthropology. In conjunction with my Gray's Anatomy book- I have all the essential resources at my access. This dictionary is very complete. Also, it is larger than pocket-size but compact enough that it is easy to take around with all of your other books. Recommended for students of undergraduate, graduate and medical school classes related to the field of medicine.

I received this great dictionary a couple of weeks ago. I am taking Health Care classes at my local Community College, and this dictionary has been very helpful. I have found this to be an invaluable tool.

This is exactly what I need. I, too, am a medical transcriptionist and am very short on desk space so I was looking for a compact dictionary. And lugging/dragging my old Dorland's off the floor every time I need to look up one little word is really getting to me! Soooo, I'm very glad to have found this handy little book. And it's right in my price range, too!! haha!

Great medical dictionary that is small enough to carry around in a backpack. I would recommend

this inexpensive dictionary to anyone that needs a medical dictionary for school.

Light, inexpensive, yet very complete dictionary. It's worth it for all it brings.

This small medical dictionary is perfect for my needs as an administrative assistant in a counseling center at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. I do typing for our consulting psychiatrist once a week and sometimes the terms are challenging..glad to have an up-to-date reference book to help out.

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