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This study guide is a valuable tool for a subject/textbook that is very in-depth and overwhelming with information. However, the Practice Exams in the workbook were extremely disappointing. The answer key did not give answers that were even choices for the corresponding questions (i.e., the answer for #1 (for example) would be "J" but the listed answer choices for #1 were only A, B, C, or D) -- this was repeatedly an issue and did not happen on just one or two questions. It was frustrating to study that hard & put full effort into the questions, then to find out you couldn’t even rate how you scored. The outlines provided for the chapters in the study guide were helpful, though, so there is some value to the study guide, but you can also use the FREE online resources that are available on evolve.com (see the textbook for more info) -- that website has sample tests, etc that are really helpful and FREE!! (By the way, I have notified the publisher of their errors in the workbook & have still received absolutely no response. Disappointing.)

I’m about halfway through a course in Pathophysiology that’s using this text. It does a fair job of covering the various disorders, etc. but often comes up short in explanations. It will sometimes use clinical terminology that it fails to define anywhere in the book. In some instances one can infer the meaning but in at least a handful of cases even knowing Latin doesn’t quite help. I’m forced to supplement it with Google searches just to define some of the terminology it uses. Obviously, the jargon comes with the territory, but I believe it often uses poor grammatical structure and organization which can leave the reader confused. I’m a former English teacher and certain phrasing within the book makes it ambiguous what the authors are referring back to. If properly supplemented by a decent professor, it works. However, on its own I find it lacking. Look elsewhere if you’re looking to teach this stuff to yourself. If you must buy it, choose a good instructor if possible.

Although this book does cover a tremendous amount of information I find it sometimes too wordy in explaining conditions for the purpose of nursing. Prior to studying nursing, I have a b.S in bio and felt I was reading a biochem book. Gave it a 3 stars because the book does have Great pictures.
and does make a good reference at times. I believe that the explanation can be a bit simpler for each condition then explained in this text. Other nursing students in my course of 40 hated the book and supplemented with patho made easy.

This book was a required for my BSN program and it was by far one of my favorite books as crazy as that may sound! The information is very easy to read and understand and is organized so that you can find exactly what you are looking for easily.

terrible book for a first time pathophysiology class. Now I took anatomy and physiology classes before, so I had a lot of background knowledge but this book is so hard to read. It is much too advanced for a beginner patho level. Was very hard to read and could barely comprehend due to the writing and word choice. If you need this for class then you really have no choice, but if you do have a choice, go with a different book.

I love all things micro and deeper, but for this class, this book just goes too deep into details and it makes the reading soooo long. You really don’t have to know all of what is written and the style of writing is really dry.

I had to get this book for my Bachelor in nursing coursework... this book is written at a doctoral level- for doctors. If you don’t already have a strong background in Pathophysiology this book is nearly impossible to follow!

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