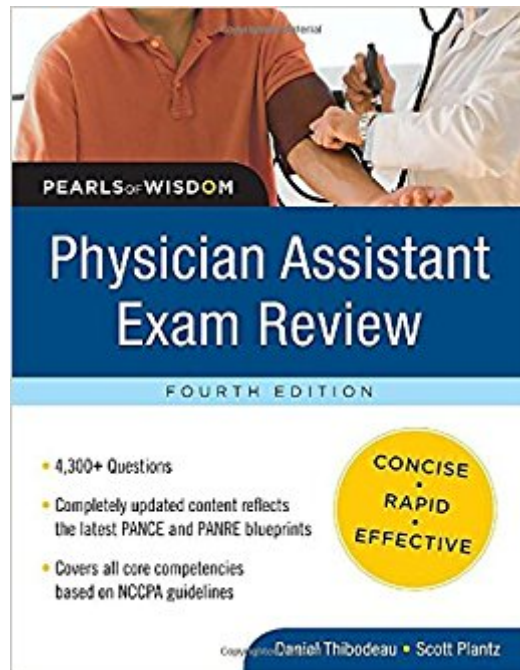




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This book is great for "most common causes" of x and high yield fact reguritation. It is pure memorization however. I found the most effecient way to use it was by recording the questions and answers and playing them back later to quiz myself. I used notability to record and would listen during my commute or going for a walk. It was a great way to get exercise and study at the same time.Each body system I wittled down to about 40-50minutes, which was my door to door commute. In this way I covered the book in about 1.5 weeks. Using notability also allowed me to type in facts that I wanted to "see" at quick glance.

Several questions repeat, which should be good for the sake of redundancy and memorization but the answers are different. Two questions ask most common cause of aortic stenosis, but give

different age groups for the same causes (under and over 50 yrs, then under and over 65 yrs). Two more different questions give different percentages for mortality rates of aortic dissection. How to know which is correct? Not multiple choice. It asks a question and then gives you the answer, which might end up being a paragraph or a laundry list of "most commons". It's hard to synthesize and memorize all the data it gives. Some pictures are poor quality, for instance an ultrasound picture did not clearly indicate with an arrow what I was supposed to be looking at (mitral valve prolapse). So I wouldn't know the problem if I saw it in front of me, I would just have to memorize what the image looks like. Not sure if the new edition fixed the discrepancies.

Perhaps this book would be helpful for some people, but it was not for me. It had lots of questions, but not with a realistic testing format. A few questions from the book - "What is the primary mechanism of pleural effusion in nephritic syndrome?", "Describe classic bony changes that occur in rheumatoid arthritis." and "What are some of the clinical conditions that present with candidiasis?" These answers are all free text and can be incredibly variable. I got frustrated and quit using this book shortly within a couple hours after I got it. If you want a good book with realistic testing format and overviews of topics, try the AAPA review book.

Provides exam review and CME professional development credit. One of many I'm currently using while readying myself for my upcoming PANRE

Seriously concentrated pearls abound in this beauty. Clear, concise, and well organized information for each of the disciplines covered in the PANCE exam. Not as completely comprehensive as some of the other references, but page for page it's an excellent reference on rotations and studying for certs. Definitely recommend.

If you hate the type of review book that makes you look at the end of the chapter for answers to the questions you will love this book. I felt I got much more volume reviewed because I wasn't constantly thumbing to the end of the book to see the answer. Not everyone will appreciate the format but I loved it.

I just did not like the format of this book, random questions and answer explanations instead of organized approach. Does not flow well.

Good book

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