

Preface

Clinical medical science is an ocean of information. A good physician is one who can successfully figure out in which direction to swim when he faces a difficult medical problem. Acquiring that skill requires a strong grip on the basic facts behind each pathology, its most common presentation, what to look for during examination, and the best way to diagnose the pathology and treat your patient.

Preparing for the USMLE is a daunting and time-consuming task, and the exam is a difficult experience for most examinees. For many years, USMLE examinees have longed for a single source to prepare for the exam that could provide them with all the necessary details in just one concise book. This single source would be rich with information, figures and tables, yet be easy to memorize.

This book serves as a refresher on basic medical science facts and how best to apply these facts to the major specialties of clinical medicine. Enriched with key words, tables, figures and diagrams, this text will eliminate the need for any other books during your preparation for the USMLE. Simple vocabulary and straightforward prose ensure that the information you read will be easily stored in your memory for the longest period of time. The ocean of medical information was distilled down to a stream of only the most pertinent, high-yield facts, and the figures were carefully chosen to illustrate important concepts and maximize learning.

With this source as your guide, passing the USMLE will be just another step in your medical career.

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