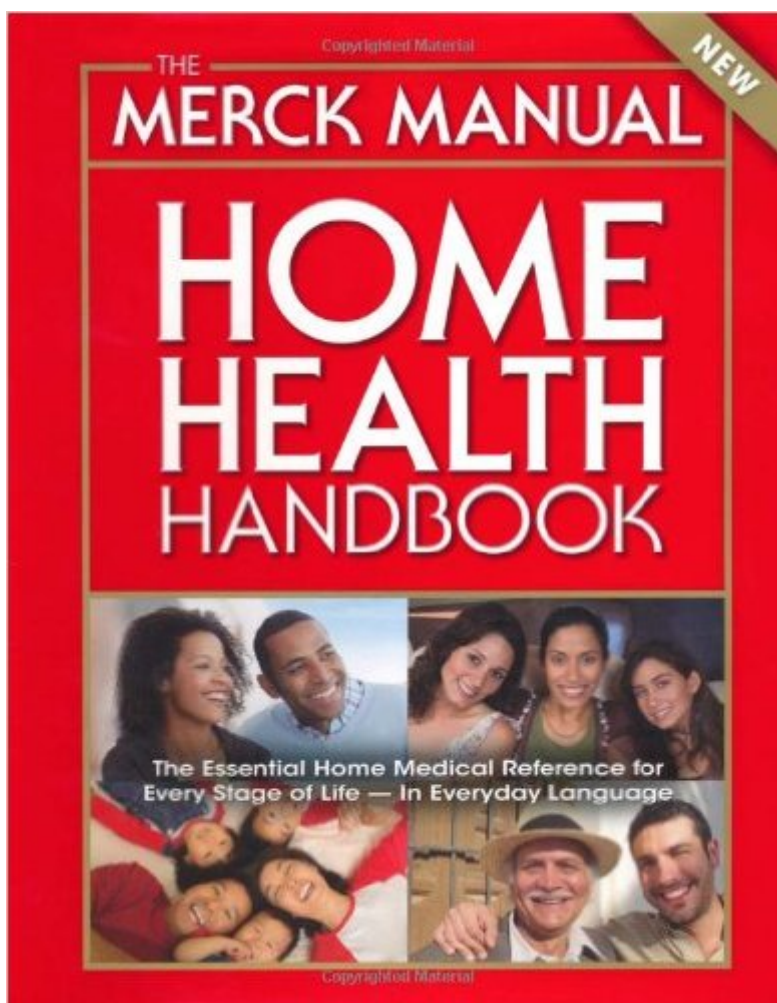


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# The Merck Manual Home Health Handbook: Third Home Edition



## Synopsis

The World's most widely used medical reference. No home should be without it. This comprehensive medical resource, The Merck Manual - Third Home Edition, extensively covers health care for newborns, the elderly, and everyone in between. The new Third Home Edition provides the same authoritative information doctors have relied on in The Merck Manual, for more than a century, in easy-to-understand, everyday language. Previous editions have sold more than 3 million copies. Written by more than 200 internationally respected medical experts, this new edition of the world's bestselling reference presents in-depth information for medical situations, including: Aging Gynecological Disorders Heart disease Digestive disorders Cancer Nutrition problems AIDS Hormonal problems Infections and immunizations Neurological Disorders Pediatric Disorders Men's, women's and children's health issues Mental health disorders Accidents and injuries Care for the dying And much more...

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Merck's Home Health Handbook is written in everyday easy-to-understand language and provides information on health care for children and adults. It covers all types of illnesses, explains the symptoms, treatments and prevention. Great value - highly recommended.

After I purchased my copy here, corrected the ISBN number originally posted on the site, & it now

matches the book I received. Not as well-illustrated or easy to understand as the "American College Physicians Complete Home Medical Guide", but is more complete & has twice as many pages. Has general color illustrations of body systems, but disease illustrations are small & in B&W. Unlike the American College book, there are no photographs here. On the positive side, the discussion of each disease is more thorough here, & each disease contains sections on "Symptoms", "Diagnosis", & "Treatment." I can't vouch for the accuracy of either book, but this book generally seems to have more advanced & detailed discussions, while the American College book is easier for the layman to comprehend. Both are useful.

The Merck manual has been around for many years and has been the reference guide for doctors, nurses and anyone else interested in medical issues. This home edition has 2,368 pages of medical information written by 300 medical experts. This amazing giant volume is organized into 26 detailed sections. They are as follows: (1) Fundamentals. (2) Drugs. (3) Digestive disorders. (4) Liver and Gallbladder disorders. (5) Kidney and Urinary tract disorders. (6) Heart and blood vessel disorders. (7) Lung and airway disorders. (8) Bone, joint, and muscle disorders. (9) Brain, spinal cord and nerve disorders. (10) Mental health disorders. (11) Disorders of nutrition and metabolism. (12) Hormonal disorders. (13) Blood disorders. (14) Cancer. (15) Immune disorders. (16) Infections. (17) Skin disorders. (18) Mouth and dental disorders. (19) Ear, nose, and throat disorders. (20) Eye disorders. (21) Men's health issues. (22) Women's health issues. (23) Children's health issues. (24) Older people's health issues. (25) Injuries and poisoning. (26) Special subjects. In conclusion, this is a book that should be in every home as a health reference guide. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncala (Author: Never Trust a Politician)

Generally this is an excellent reference. It is thorough, and conveys a heck of a lot of valuable info while still being understandable to intelligent, non-science oriented laypeople. I have learned a huge amount from this book including medical terminology which they helpfully include alongside lay terms and explanations. The best value of any medical book! (though it could use a lot more illustrations - I very highly recommend Alice Roberts' the Complete Human Body which has amazing illustrations, to complement this book for the layperson). However, because the info on my disease ME/CFIDS (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome) is a negative-five-star I am going to rate this only two stars. I really don't like rating this book so low and definitely understand anyone thinking it inappropriate to rate it so low considering the overall excellent content. After all, the ME section is only one section of very many. However, the amount of

iatrogenic morbidity caused by this sort of egregious misinformation on ME is so tremendous, I think it is important to draw attention to it with a two star rating. Pls forgive me if you disagree. Editors: please make the section accurate by consulting the ME/CFS Canadian Consensus Criteria and the 2011 ME International Consensus Criteria and the 2012 IACFS/ME Primer (and me if you need more info) and I will of course be elated to rate the manual five stars. There are many patently invalid statements here such as "[s]ome studies have suggested infection with the Epstein-Barr virus... or HIV as a possible cause of CFS. However, current research indicates that these viruses probably do not cause this syndrome." p. 2109. ME is an extremely debilitating neuro-endocrine immune & mitochondrial disease, affecting 1 M Americans and strongly associated with otherwise extremely rare lymphomas (other than in AIDS). There is a bit of accurate info here, but mostly very misleading or incorrect such as 'CFS refers to severe fatigue of unknown psychological or physical origin' (p.2109)- actually that's Idiopathic Chronic Fatigue. This is like saying 'Alzheimer's refers to severe forgetfulness of unknown physical or psychological origin.' ME is a specific extremely disabling disease in which extreme fatigue is a prominent symptom, just like MS, Leukemia, AIDS and many other diseases. Again, pls see the ME/CFS Canadian Consensus Criteria, the 2012 ME International Consensus Criteria or the 2012 IACFS/ME Primer for accurate info. Thanks for your consideration and take care everyone, Justin

This book is awesome and I recommend it to anyone! Easy to understand, great pics, tons of information. Only thing I don't like is the version and publication of what I have, isn't updated with correct info regarding transgenders and GID.

Every family should have a copy of this book. You can diagnose your symptoms before going to the Dr. You will have more info to give your Dr. The Merck Manual covers everyone, from infants to the elderly. The Manual eliminates all guess work when you get sick. We would not be without it.

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Anyone who has ever wanted more information or clarification for what was said during a doctor's visit should consider having this book. Great information presented in a clear manner. My familiarity

with earlier editions led me to purchase several as gifts for some health professions students I know. They have immediately found the information extremely helpful, even so with the many more technical textbooks they own. I encourage my own students to begin building their professional libraries and this book is the first one I recommend.

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