Synopsis

Ideal as a stand-alone review or as a companion to NMS Surgery, this highly practical casebook presents a series of surgical cases that begin with a clinical scenario and progress step by step through the decision-making process of patient management. It offers medical students a structured subject review, practice questions to prepare for the USMLE Step 2 exam, and an opportunity to work through clinical cases with a unique “what next” approach to decision making. Updates include a new two-color design, “Deep Thoughts” and “Quick Cuts” text features that clearly call out high-yield information in every chapter, and an all-new chapter on pediatrics covering common congenital anomalies. Clinical images and illustrations offer the opportunity to detect visual clues, and the new pocket-sized format makes it easy to carry and study anytime, anywhere. In addition, this title is packaged with access to the interactive eBook version at no additional cost! Provides an excellent review for exams and an opportunity to practice real-world clinical decision making. Features a new, two-color design and a handy new pocket-sized format. Emphasizes high-yield information with easy-to-spot “Deep Thoughts” and “Quick Cuts” boxes throughout. Contains a new pediatrics chapter that brings you up to date with common congenital anomalies. Includes case variations so you can consider patients with complications or co-existing conditions. Uses an extensive illustration program that provides opportunities to make patient management decisions based on visual cues. The perfect companion to Jarrell’s NMS Surgery, 6th Edition.

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This book is a useful and thorough review, excellent if you want to not only pass the surgery shelf exam (Pestana is good for that) but excel higher. It provides cases in a question-answer format. For example, you'll be given a detailed patient case about abdominal pain and asked for a differential. In a paragraph, it'll walk through the differential. Then it'll ask about the best diagnostic tests, and walk through the answer. Etc. etc. It also provides case variations that helps delineate slight differences in the presentation or lab values that would lead to a different approach. Both detailed medical and surgical approaches are provided. Topics covered include pre-op and post-op care, thoracic/cardiothoracic disorders, GI disorders, vascular disorders, endocrine, breast, soft tissue, trauma/burns/sepsis, and congenital disorders. I took off a point because it is missing orthopedic surgery, ENT, and neurosurgery topics, which are addressed on the shelf. There are also a handful of grammatical errors ("and" instead of "an") that don't detract too much from the book. Overall, this is a solid resource for the surgery shelf exam that provides appropriate detail and is easily set up for interactive quizzing by yourself or in a group.

A good combination with NMS Surgery for the surgery rotation. If you only have time for one I would go with NMS Surgery first. I think both of these are better than surgical recall. Also this book includes a code for access to the material online through an app called inkling. The format of this is even better than the book and you can access it from your phone, ipad etc. It was easy to scroll through a section during downtime between surgeries. If you are debating about getting it, I would recommend to get it, use the codes and then sell the book to someone else. I think you can get a free sample chapter from inkling to try first.

This is a good book, but the tables in the book are blacked out (on the kindle app on my ipad) like another reviewer mentioned (I read that review too late). I hope they fix this because I would like a kindle copy.

Great book! I wish I had bought this at the start of my Surgery rotation. It explains everything you need to know for surgery. It highlights H&P findings, investigations, procedures and complications for common cases you will see on rotation. It also has really nice images for anatomy. I think this book is a lot more comprehensive than Dr. Pestana’s Surgery Notes. I would highly recommend this
book not only for your surgery rotation, but also for the boards.

This is for kindle version. It is very poor formatted. Switches from colored to black and white. The tables are blacked out. I would recommend the printed book for now till they fix the issue.

I bought this as a third year medical student for my surgery rotation. It is a great supplement to Pestanas for your boards, although it does tend to include more details than a 3rd year would need to know. I found it very helpful for my shelf exam and I'm glad I spend the money on it.

A good book with good information. But maybe a little bit too much information in my opinion. I was able to read it in two weeks early on in the courtship and found it helpful overall, but if I could do it again I might pick a higher yield resource and read that twice.

The book is solid for the entire surgery clerkship. Excellent cases, no obvious mistakes (compared to Case Files), definitely a huge help for studying for the Shelves

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