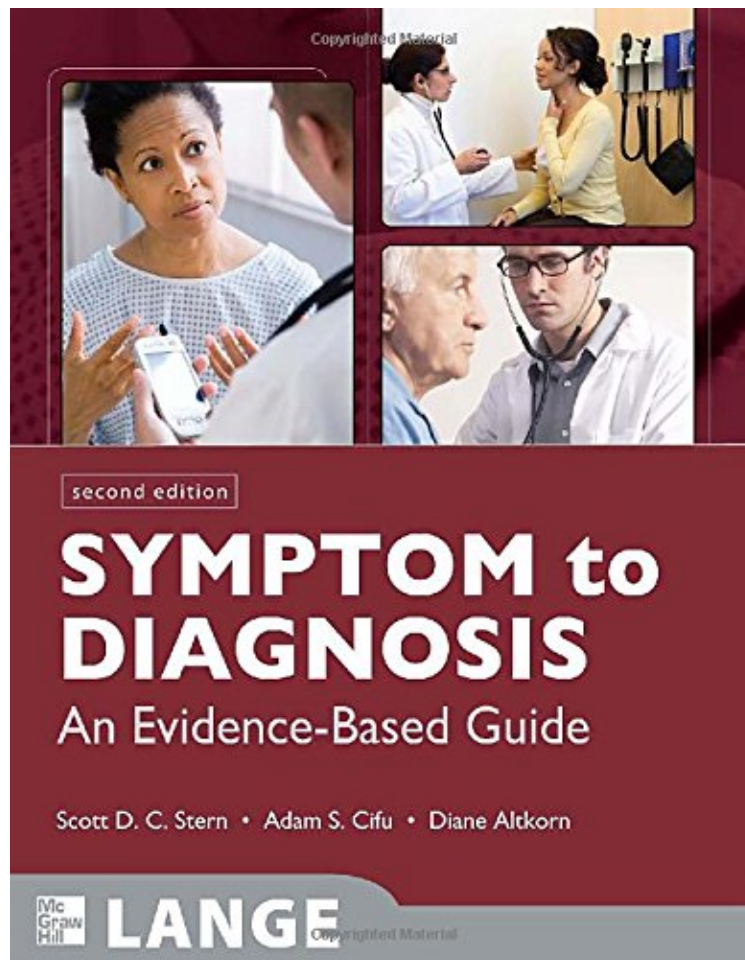


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Scott Stern, Adam Cifu, Diane Altkorn : Symptom to Diagnosis: An Evidence Based Guide, Second Edition (LANGE Clinical Medicine) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Symptom to Diagnosis: An Evidence Based Guide, Second Edition (LANGE Clinical Medicine):

32 of 32 people found the following review helpful. A workbook and learning aid-- not a reference!By Greg LindauerThe unhappy reviewers of this wonderful book tend to complain about omitted differentials. If you are looking for a quick reference, look elsewhere! { For example, Differential Diagnosis Pocket: Clinical Reference Guide (Pocket (Borm Bruckmeier Publishing)) comprehensively lists differentials and fits in a lab-coat. Advanced Health Assessment Clinical Diagnosis in Primary Care is my favorite in-depth but still light weight-- though not lab-coat sized-- common diagnosis book.}Personally, I like case study approaches, like this one, where a patient with SS is

presented, and then the approach to diagnosis and treatment is discussed. This book uses prose "Mr J's severe crampy abdominal pain suggests..." ; outlines "Etiology and related prevalence is as follows: 1. Cancer, 53%, 2. Sigmoid or ..."; and flagged information "Marked leukocytosis, left shift or ... is a *late* finding and suggests..." to deliver information. It also includes tables, figures, and B W pictures. The case study is updated as more information is presented. For instance, after discussing the labs and imaging a provider might order, the case is resumed with the given results, and more information is presented as the story continues. These type of presentations help the information come alive for me, and help me remember it. Another reviewer mentioned that some common SS or labs are omitted. These may be "classic" or "textbook" ss which have been found from research to lack sensitivity and specificity; on the other hand, they be be those which still lack such statistical backing. The first chapter of this book briefly reviews the statistics which support clinical tests, including sensitivity, specificity, and likelihood ratios. Thereafter, nearly all presented PE findings, symptoms, and diagnostic tests include such statistics to identify which tests are most useful in a given situation. {A book with in-depth coverage of the statistics behind clinical ss is in Evidence-Based Physical Diagnosis and may include some of the findings which the other review was looking for.} This book is a keeper, and although not a "quick" reference, or one I would bring around on rounds (not heavy, but awkwardly sized), it is a good in-depth reference to keep in the office work up patients with common complaints. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Explaining the process from evaluation to diagnosing without relying upon intuition experience By Mustufa Sigma I liked this book very much I gave it 5 stars. While I am not a student of medicine (I am a civil engineer by profession) I got interested in biology and medicine books as I tried to coach my daughter to become a physician while she was in high school. Well she went to college and majoring in Japanese Studies and Piano!! So much so for a dad's effort to guide his daughter to a high paying profession! However, in this process I got interested in how to diagnose diseases. Because of my this desire, I started looking for books which could explain the art and science of diagnoses and do not rely much upon experience which I could not have as I am not a medical student and do not see patients supervised by a medical professor. So I read many books but something was missing. Then I stumbled upon the book - Symptom to Diagnosis- and guess what it does the trick! I am not saying that reading this books makes me a physician or equivalent to a medical student level smart but one thing is clear that after going through this book I do understand the process for symptom to diagnosis. Basically (as I understand) the Symptom to Diagnosis is a Process of Elimination which gives preference to the simple diagnosis [explanation of symptoms] but simultaneously keeps an eye on more sinister diagnosis of symptoms. One thing that authors did not emphasize is when to give more weight to sinister diagnosis. For example: if we have a 55 year old man with chest pain who has high cholestrol and have GERD should be quickly considered for the more siniter explanation of Heart Attack rather than GERD reflex!! Otherwise, the authors have done such a good job making the book so damn easy to understand that they have done a dis-service to medical profession!! Dis-service to medical profession because after reading this book any average person might think why do we need 3 or 4 year of medical school education and why not just directly go to this book and start helping people. Well I would like to temper my previous sentence by saying that I know we do need 3 to 4 year of medical school training and this book is not a substitute to that but gee wiz this book sure makes me think that way. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a great book for Med students/ PA students By Jared What a great book for Med students/ PA students. If you understand this book well, your scores will improve quickly. I recommend it for PA students

An engaging case-based approach to learning the diagnostic process in internal medicine "All clinicians caring for patients, from medical students to residents and attending physicians, are the intended audience. The book is well written for all levels, and the authors are well-respected educators and experts in the field. 3 Stars."--Doody's Review Service Symptom to Diagnosis teaches you an evidence-based, step-by-step process for evaluating, diagnosing, and treating patients based on their clinical complaints. By applying this process you will be able to recognize specific diseases and prescribe the most effective therapy. Each chapter is built around a common patient complaint that illustrates essential concepts and provides insight into the process by which the differential diagnosis is identified. Coverage for each disease includes: Textbook Presentation: offers a concise statement of the common or classic presentation of the particular disease Disease Highlights: covers the most pertinent epidemiologic and pathophysiologic information for the disease Evidence-Based Diagnosis: reviews the accuracy of the history, physical exam, laboratory and radiologic tests for the disease. In this unique section, the author points out the findings that help you rule in or rule out the various diseases. Treatment: details the basics of therapy for the disease discussed Filled with algorithms, summary tables, and questions that direct evaluation, Symptom to Diagnosis is a true must read before your first clinical encounter.

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