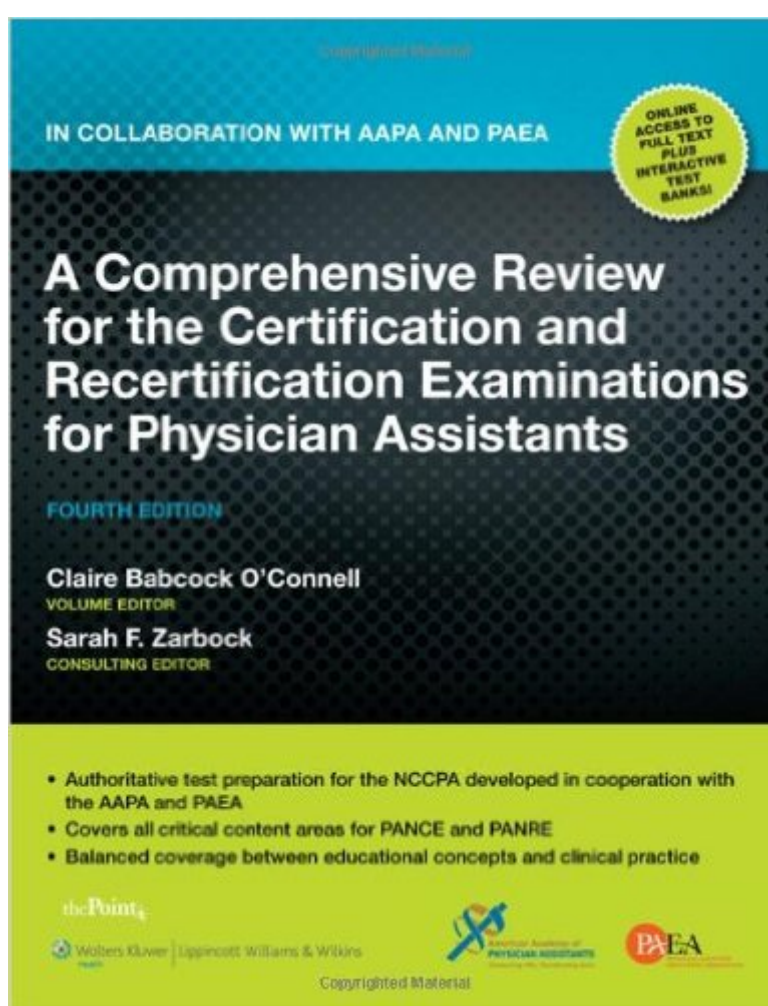


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# A Comprehensive Review For The Certification And Recertification Examinations For Physician Assistants: In Collaboration With AAPA And PAEA



## Synopsis

This exam review book has been developed and endorsed by the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA). This new Fourth Edition features "high-yield" outline format review and pre- and post-test questions based on the blueprint drafted by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). The text provides balanced coverage between educational concepts and clinical practice. A companion website features fully searchable text and a question bank offering a total of 600 pre- and post-test questions. The 300 pretest questions also appear in the book.

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## Customer Reviews

A lot is made of the fact that this was written with the cooperation of the AAPA and PAEA. Its a great selling tool, but this book does not give you the "details "to do well on the boards. I have been practicing as a P.A for 13 years I passed my PANCE in the top 5 % and my first PANRE in the top 1%. I just retook my 2nd PANRE and have not recieved my score yet but this book did not help it, I can tell you that. Fortunately, I didn't use this book soley for the test and that is my saving grace. The best thing about the book was the pre and post test, yet neither one simulated the PANRE well. The PANRE was much harder!! then the questions in this book.To be fair both the PANCE and PANRE change from test to test so I could have just had a harder test this cycle, however when I think back on the two previous tests, I don't think this would have been a great book to use for either one of them. Why? The boards love most common ,least common symptom or sign type questions.

They also like to test you about subtle differences between similarly presenting diseases. This - for the most part- doesn't give you that info. It lists the symptoms/signs randomly so you could know everything in it and still do poorly. This was the first and last time I will use this book. ED

I found this very useful when reviewing for the PANRE. I used both the book questions and the CD for review, I found the CD the most useful tool as it gave me feedback on my answers immediately if I wanted, or I could switch to testing mode and make mini-tests customized to the subjects that I wanted to focus on. I found many of the items I reviewed were covered on the exam. I passed the first time with no problems and I would buy this book again.

I read the reviews before purchasing this book and found the reviews to be accurate. I have found the book rarely discusses the disease or condition in any type of depth. Also the treatment discussion is lacking. Truthfully I bought this book for questions, hoping they are the most current and will help me when recertifying.

There is no perfect review book for this test. However after doing the questions in this book and taking the test, I can say they were very similar. I agree that the explanations in the book were sometimes weak but I had no problem looking up the reasoning for an answer in another text if needed. In my opinion the best way to pass the boards is to do questions after questions and this book has plenty. The trick is to know what the question is looking for, and that takes practice doing questions, not reading a review book. If you want to learn medicine and how to treat patients, practice. If you want to pass the boards, use this book for questions and brief answers.

I am a practicing PA in cardiology and have been for 12 years. I bought this book for preparation for the PANRE and I am returning it. I have already found errors with the book. I contacted the author, who sent me this response, :PS. The Review book and the AAPA do not use old board questions at all. The NCCPA is a separate organization. The items in the review book are for review to help prepare for the exam. They in no way represent the NCCPA. So in other words I thought I bought a book that would have some old board questions. I was wrong. It is a book of made up questions that are not based on board questions.

I received this book yesterday and I was quite anxious to open it and start reviewing. I intend to use it for the PANRE. I was disappointed in the depth of the explanation of the conditions as well as

treatments. The depth of information was not very good. The explanation of treatments for requiring antibiotic care was poor. Obviously, an infection is treated with an antibiotic. I would expect that the first line, second and third choices for antibiotic care would be presented here. They were not. As an ortho PA I was hopeful to see and review primary treatments for primary care diagnoses. The ortho section was abysmal. I will not even comment. I did compare this text to my old Auth text that I used for the PANCE and it lists antibiotic treatments where this text does not and its depth and breadth, I felt, was better. I think that is a very important detail especially for PAs that don't routinely see primary care problems. I am considering the new additions of Auth's review book and Van Rhee's as well, for the PANRE.

I would have given no stars, but that was not an option. The book itself is fine for review. However, if you are interested at all in using the online resources including the pre and post test exams it is a complete waste of money. There is a question bank of 496 questions. I attempted to take a 300 question exam in preparation for the PANRE. No joke, every 10 questions I receive a duplicate question. I contacted the vendor. This was their reply, "I have spoken with our developers regarding the duplicate questions. It seems that some questions were duplicated from chapter to chapter if they were relevant to multiple chapters. Because of this, there are 300 unique questions, but 496 questions total with the duplicates. I apologize for any inconvenience. This is why you are receiving duplicates". So basically there is no way to gage your performance because 1/3 of the questions asked are duplicated. Additionally, I had to contact customer support three times when in the middle of the exam due to "compatibility issues" and to increase the amount of available data storage in my flash player. Regardless, this was a big let down. I own the past edition that I used in addition to Van Rhee to study for the PANCE and did very well. Unfortunately, the CD which accompanies the text containing all the test questions is not compatible with any of the new versions of Windows. I should have listened to the other BAD REVIEWS. My mistake!

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