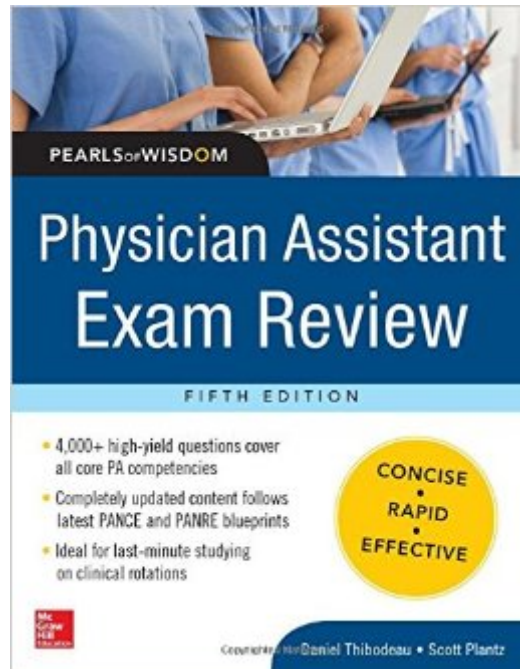


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Perhaps this book would be helpful for some people, but it was not for me. It had lots of questions, but not with a realistic testing format. A few questions from the book - "What is the primary mechanism of pleural effusion in nephritic syndrome?", "Describe classic bony changes that occur in rheumatoid arthritis." and "What are some of the clinical conditions that present with candidiasis?" These answers are all free text and can be incredibly variable. I got frustrated and quit using this book shortly within a couple hours after I got it. If you want a good book with realistic testing format and overviews of topics, try the AAPA review book.

Pearls of Wisdom is a great review for any PA needing to take the PANCE or PANRE. Instead of trying to figure out how to find the correct answers to a question, they are given to you. And there is a short and concise chapter on test taking strategies that is helpful- from a new graduate taking the test for the first time, to a seasoned veteran on their fourth re-certification exam. I would recommend this book to any PA wanting to do well on the test.

Several questions repeat, which should be good for the sake of redundancy and memorization but the answers are different. Two questions ask most common cause of aortic stenosis, but give different age groups for the same causes (under and over 50 yrs, then under and over 65 yrs). Two more different questions give different percentages for mortality rates of aortic dissection. How to know which is correct? Not multiple choice. It asks a question and then gives you the answer, which might end up being a paragraph or a laundry list of "most commons". It's hard to synthesize and memorize all the data it gives. Some pictures are poor quality, for instance an ultrasound picture did not clearly indicate with an arrow what I was supposed to be looking at (mitral valve prolapse). So I wouldn't know the problem if I saw it in front of me, I would just have to memorize what the image looks like. Not sure if the new edition fixed the discrepancies.

If you hate the type of review book that makes you look at the end of the chapter for answers to the questions you will love this book. I felt I got much more volume reviewed because I wasn't constantly thumbing to the end of the book to see the answer. Not everyone will appreciate the format but I loved it.

I bought this book at a conference while prepping for my PANCE. I had used other books like Lange Q&A: Physician Assistant, Fifth Edition (LANGE Q&A Allied Health) and A Comprehensive Review for the Certification and Recertification Examinations for Physician Assistants: Published in

Collaboration with AAPA and PAEA which were helpful to learn the style of questions. However I wanted to also test my knowledge in each section (cards, resp, ob/gyn, etc). It even has a chapter on Health Policy (which are easy questions to get right on the PANCE/PANRE). This book is setup to be a quick and rapid review. It has a question in bold and then underneath it is the answer. I found the best way to do it was to slide a sheet of paper over the answer. I found this helpful as I have a tendency to look at the multiple choice answers prior to reading the question and it sways my thought process. This book eliminates the multiple choice and has one answer. It helped me gain the confidence and process to read the question fully and THINK before looking. Granted this is not for everyone, it takes discipline. However, if you think it may work for you give it a try. It's updated with the latest PANCE and PANRE blueprints.

This book has been very useful so far. I'm not taking the PANCE until next year but I've been using the text to supplement my studying and it has been really excellent. The study questions are great. They are pertinent to the material and they aren't too challenging. It really helps you to put all the material together in a practical, and patient-centered way. I'd recommend this to any PA student.

Seriously concentrated pearls abound in this beauty. Clear, concise, and well organized information for each of the disciplines covered in the PANCE exam. Not as completely comprehensive as some of the other references, but page for page it's an excellent reference on rotations and studying for certs. Definitely recommend.

This book is great for "most common causes" of x and high yield fact regurgitation. It is pure memorization however. I found the most efficient way to use it was by recording the questions and answers and playing them back later to quiz myself. I used notability to record and would listen during my commute or going for a walk. It was a great way to get exercise and study at the same time. Each body system I wittled down to about 40-50minutes, which was my door to door commute. In this way I covered the book in about 1.5 weeks. Using notability also allowed me to type in facts that I wanted to "see" at quick glance.

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