

Book Reviews

Medical Microbiology for the New Curriculum: A Case-Based Approach. By Roberta B. Carey, Mindy G. Schuster, and Karin L. McGowan. Wilmington, DE: Wiley-Liss; 2007. 289 pp. US \$79.95 Paperback. ISBN: 978-0471479338.

Medical Microbiology for the New Curriculum: A Case-Based Approach by Roberta B. Carey, Mindy G. Schuster, and Karin L. McGowan details 24 microorganisms of clinical relevance. Each section is structured around a patient history, differential diagnosis, laboratory tests, results, pathogenesis, and concluding with treatment and prevention. Moreover, each chapter has a section on additional points and further reading that includes both websites and review articles. The additional points aim to bring to the forefront important considerations (both clinical and laboratory based) to keep in mind while making a diagnosis. More importantly, each of the 24 case studies are accompanied by detailed illustrations that consist of a combination of tables, full-color photographs, and line drawings, all of which help formulate an understanding of the microorganism in question.

Using this structured approach toward a final diagnosis, the authors have made it easier for their audience to integrate and appreciate basic science and clinical experience. Additionally, the choice of organisms discussed range from viruses, bacteria to parasites, and provide a broad introduction to infectious diseases.

In summary, this is a well-written text in its simple explanations of a complex subject to make it of interest to a multidisciplinary readership. It would be useful for anyone trying to understand both the basic and clinical sides of infectious disease. Ad-

ditionally, this text would be a good study guide for medical students, microbiologists, and pathology and infectious disease fellows/residents.

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Last Minute Internal Medicine: A Concise Review for the Specialty Boards. By Rebecca Miksad, Patricia DeLaMora, and George Meyer. New York: McGraw-Hill Professional; 2008. 556 pp. US \$39.95 Paperback. ISBN: 978-0071445894.

Two weeks, four days, 13 hours, and 23 and a half minutes before you have to sit for your internal medicine specialty boards. You want a quick review, without large blocks of text, though you'd rather not wade through complex figures, either. Where do you turn?

McGraw-Hill and the authors of *Last Minute Internal Medicine: A Concise Review for the Specialty Boards* hope they have provided an answer. Their newest addition to the "Last Minute" specialty board review series provides readers with material that is solely in tabular format (with a few flow charts mixed in for sanity's sake). *Last Minute Internal Medicine* has made it its mission to stick to core, high-yield material without including any extraneous detail. The book is written for an audience of physicians and residents specializing in internal medicine who will be sitting for their (re)certification specialty board exam within a few weeks of using the text.

The book is divided into 23 sections, organized based on organ system. With an