

Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment

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Medicine is an ever-changing field, and changes in patient treatment are required as new research and clinical experience broaden our knowledge. This book is the 47th annual volume of a single-source reference for practitioners in both hospital and ambulatory settings. The publisher and the 79 well-respected experts have checked with sources believed to be reliable to provide information that is complete and generally in accord with the standards accepted at the time of publication. This most popular textbook in internal medicine emphasizes the practical features of clinical diagnosis and patient management.

The book is organized into 41 chapters, covering disease prevention, common symptoms, perioperative management, geriatric disorders, and palliative care. Also covered are disorders of the skin, eyes, and ears, nose, and throat; disorders of the lungs, heart, blood pressure, and blood vessels and lymphatics; and disorders of the gastrointestinal tract, liver, biliary tract, and pancreas. Additional topics include breast, gynecologic, and obstetric disorders; allergies; musculoskeletal, fluid, and electrolyte disorders; kidney and urologic disorders; nervous system and psychiatric disorders; endocrine disorders and diabetes; and lipid and nutritional disorders. Finally, common infections are covered, as are HIV and AIDS; viral, bacterial, spirochetal, protozoal, and mycotic infections; physical agents; poisoning; cancer; genetic disorders; and complementary medicine. There are online-only chapters reviewing chemotherapeutic and antibiotic agents, diagnostic testing and medical decision making, basic genetics and immunology, and information technology in patient care.

This edition includes 8 pages of color images demonstrating skin and eye disorders. Extensive revisions have been

made to the chapters on ear, nose, and throat diseases; hypertension; disorders of blood vessels and lymphatics; and protozoal diseases. The chapter on preventive medicine has been updated, and the revamped chapter on cancer describes the latest advances in treatment. The chapter on common symptoms has been expanded to provide more information on treatment, and the chapter on palliative care has been updated to focus on improved quality of life. Hundreds of drug-treatment tables are provided, with indexed trade names and updated prices, as well as diagnostic and treatment algorithms that are extremely helpful to practitioners.

In each chapter are the most current insights into symptoms, signs, epidemiology, etiology, and treatment, highlighting only the diagnostic and treatment tools pertinent to clinical practice for comprehensive care of patients with each disease or disorder. This book is really on the essentials of diagnosis for most diseases or disorders. Streamlined authoritative references provide for fast access to abstracts or full-text articles on the latest medical advances, prevention strategies, and cost-effective treatments.

I believe that all primary care providers will appreciate this edition as a ready reference and refresher textbook, and physicians in other specialties, pharmacists, and nurses also will welcome the format and scope of this book as a means of referencing medical diagnoses and treatments. Medical and other health professionals will find this book to be useful as a basic reference. This book should prove to be a valuable addition to medical libraries and hospital clinics.

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