

[Le / FIRST AID FOR THE USMLE STEP 2 CK: CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE, 7E / 007162354X, 9780071623544 / \\$44.95](#)

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****Description****

This review uses a bulleted format, which makes absorbing the material easier, but while the breadth of material is wide, the depth is somewhat lacking even for a USMLE preparation text.

****Purpose****

The purpose is to prepare students with the clinical knowledge needed to successfully pass the Step 2 examination.

****Audience****

Plainly this is a book for medical students, and the bulleted format makes it a handy reference to have available. While the faculty reviewers are experienced, the authors are medical students and I question their level of experience for authoring such a book, which may explain its bare-bones nature.

****Features****

Each section is developed according to a topic a successful candidate must understand. In addition to the bulleted lists, the book includes many tables and mostly black-and-white figures, which do not provide much detail. A color photograph section is somewhat limited. The numerous clinical pearls on the side are important and enrich the text, but they are not typical testing material.

****Assessment****

Overall, this could be helpful to one's preparation for the USMLE, but it should not be the sole resource.

Weighted Numerical Score: 75 - 3 Stars