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****Description****

This is the second edition of a microbiology and immunology review book for medical students who have finished their second year and are preparing for the step 1 United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). It concisely presents the material in a unique fashion that aids retention.

****Purpose****

The sole purpose is to review topics in medical microbiology and immunology. The design will enable students to evaluate their comprehension of the vast amount of information in these areas. This type of review is valuable because it helps to build a solid base for clinical practice.

****Audience****

It is directed specifically at medical students who have completed the first two years of medical school. The authors have taught medical students for many years as well as practiced medicine, and they have a valuable perspective on the needs of students preparing for board examinations.

****Features****

The entire field of clinical microbiology and immunology is covered in eight sections. Each section is devoted to an area in the field. Topics, which represent what is typically covered by the USMLE step 1, are presented in a question format, with answers on the opposite side of the page. Basic principles are followed by examples of clinical relevance. At the end of each chapter, a section of vignettes test students on the material just covered.

Chapters toward the end of the book cover infections in various body systems.

****Assessment****

This excellent book covers the material second year medical students need to study for exams. It could easily be used in a small group to review. The only addition that would improve the book would be more images of stains or cultures.

Weighted Numerical Score: 75 - 3 Stars