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# Advanced Health Assessment & Clinical Diagnosis In Primary Care, 4e

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## Synopsis

Designed for advanced practice nurses and advanced practice nursing students, as well as Physician's Assistant students and practitioners, *Advanced Health Assessment & Clinical Diagnosis in Primary Care, 4th Edition*, is a practical resource that takes you to the "next step" of health assessment, beyond basic history and physical examination and through the diagnostic reasoning process. Accessible and concise, it approaches physical examination by focusing on a specific chief complaint rather than a diagnosis of a disease entity. Each chapter is organized into four major areas: Focused History; Focused Physical Examination; Laboratory and Diagnostic Studies; and Differential Diagnosis. Those who master the diagnostic reasoning process in this text will be able to accurately diagnose the majority of conditions they will see in clinical practice. Easy-to-follow format with consistent organization improves your ability to understand and accurately perform the different elements of the diagnostic reasoning process: Focused History sections walk you through the thinking process involved in obtaining a pertinent, relevant, problem-specific history that will assist in differential diagnosis. Key Questions highlight what questions to ask the patient, followed by an explanation of what the patient's responses might signify, to guide you toward an accurate assessment and precise diagnosis. Focused Physical Examination sections explain how to conduct more advanced diagnostic techniques and offer interpretations of the findings. Laboratory and Diagnostic Studies sections give a brief outline of what types of laboratory or diagnostic studies would be appropriate for the chief complaint or suspected diagnosis. Differential Diagnosis sections contain the most common differential diagnoses for each chief complaint and summarize the history and physical examination findings, along with the laboratory and diagnostic studies indicated. Differential Diagnosis tables offer an at-a-glance summary of possible diagnoses. Reordered table of contents, organized alphabetically by patient problem rather than by body system, simplifies and accelerates information retrieval. A list of chapters by body system is also included for reference. Three new chapters: Chapter 23: Palpitations Chapter 36: Weight Loss/Gain (Unintentional) Chapter 38: The Abdominal X-ray Additional Evidence-Based Practice boxes provide additional research-based tips on conducting the most effective exams for more accurate diagnoses.

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Although the initial chapter on Clinical Reasoning and Differential Diagnosis is limited, it is a concisely written prelude to a wealth of focused symptom assessment strategies. As a practitioner and a faculty member in a nurse practitioner program, I have found this book to be an excellent teaching resource. Each chapter contains several of the most common symptoms related to a specific body system. For example, the cardiovascular and respiratory systems are represented by the symptoms of dyspnea, chest pain and cough. The overlapping of these systems is artfully woven together in a manner that consistently prompts the reader to be focused yet complete. Each chapter outlines key questions to ask and also provides analysis of the possible patient responses. Included is a relational inference between each symptom and age specific concerns. At the end of each chapter, the authors have developed "Differential Diagnosis" tables that are particularly useful to the novice nurse practitioner in a clinical setting. Overall the book's pocket size format lends it to easy reading and convenience.

I am studying to become a Family Nurse Practitioner through Georgetown and absolutely love this book! It has by far the best practical clinical applications of any assessment textbook that I have ever used. I haven't even really used our other textbook in favor of this one. Easy to read- no fluff at all.

Nice book. I have the 2nd edition and compared it with the newer edition. The 3rd edition is much the same as the 2nd but with 2 additional chapters--one on "Mood Changes, Behavior Changes..." and then one on clinical CXR (chest x-rays). Helpful book for students.

this book should be the gold standard for caring for patients. i wish i had this book years ago in my

career. It is concise and perfect for any clinical level.

This book is great in explaining differentials. I used it exclusively with my assessments class. I only wish there were more differentials. But the differentials that it does have are absolutely perfect.

Breaks content down by system and symptom. Bought this book when I was taking advanced assessment and differential diagnosis for FNP. Read the whole thing cover to cover and still use it occasionally as a reference for clinical.

This is a required book in my FNP program. I like the format and the chapters are easy to read. We are also using another health assessment text that digs into the specifics. I think this text is a nice compliment to pull everything together. I will keep this text rather than selling back.

This was required for a NP class and so far I am pleased with it. The condition was excellent and fast shipping not too heavy that you can't take it with you places without hurting your back or shoulders.

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