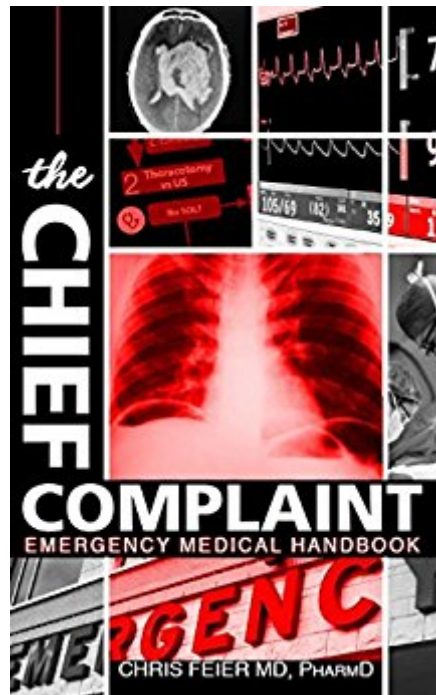




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# The Chief Complaint: Emergency Medical Handbook



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measuring about 8 x 5 x .5 inches that really fits into your lab coat or scrubs pocket. As such it will be useful as an adjunct to other resources utilized by EM residents or other providers rotating through the emergency department, the ICU or assigned to Rapid Response teams. The Chief Complaint is visually appealing with the brilliant use of colors, shades and bullet points and is sprinkled with bold text emphasizing key points. Inserted text boxes frequently link to other, often electronic resources. This handbook outlines the first few steps of 45 major chief complaints • including 12 trauma related complaints, often experienced by emergency patients. Not meant to be exhaustive, these algorithms elucidate the first few steps of each complaint to assist the reader in sorting out life threatening and other major conditions, incorporating the use of ED ultrasound in many of the algorithms. The text is compact (small to some) and the wordage is minimized thus leaving space to add one's own brief notes next to the algorithms. There are additional blank pages at the end of the volume for additional notes, telephone lists, etc. Missing is a picture of the author. The price is right for this handy resource. Finally, there is a Kindle version for those who prefer to keep their lab pockets empty. NOTE: I work at LAC+USC where Dr. Feier trained and still works, however I generally do not write reviews.

Whether you are an emergency medicine intern, a senior resident, an academic attending or a community doc, this is a must-have book! Well organized and high-yield with very current references right in the text. Plenty of space to add your notes or personal remarks, which is a plus for me :- ) - I love to add my personal \$ 0.02 to any textbook... My only chief complaint about it? Well, being an ultrasound fellow, I feel slightly underestimated ;-), but the fix is coming!

A must have for every medical school student, resident or health care professional, regardless of speciality. While written for the ER setting, it provides great detailed information relating to all specialties. This well written and organized book condenses vast amounts of information into a comprehensive handbook. It is easy to navigate, easy to understand and follow and is a vital guide for providing informed, proper patient care. As the holidays are approaching, this is a perfect gift for any med school student or aspiring physician, they will be forever grateful!

This book is an excellent first step in pioneering a long overdue approach to clinical medicine. As a recently graduated physician I can't over-emphasize how incredibly useful my colleagues and I have found this text on boards and wards. The explicit step by step overview of how to think like a diagnostician is absolutely invaluable, the utility of which is further enhanced by including references

to the research and studies that have influenced Dr. Feier's approach to that situation, as well as specific treatment modalities. However, the kindle version of the book leaves much to be desired, with many of the algorithms rendered unreadable and without a way to enlarge the graphics that dominate every page of the text. Upon ordering a hard copy I found that the issue rests with the printing company and the graphics designer that produced the book. The margins of the book are frequently ludicrous, with cut-rate quality in the resolution of the images used in the book, cheap paper and completely inappropriate font sizing, even containing the occasional error in layout where a graphic overlays text - mistakes that are immediately apparent in even a superficial glance at the pages in question. This book and what it symbolizes for the field deserves a real printer, and it's an utter travesty. Again, I wish to be completely clear in stating that the information in this textbook is absolutely top notch, and as far as day to day use goes it's an acceptable quality. For this price point I sincerely hope that Dr. Feier decides to release a second edition with an improved quality very soon, and would like to urge him to consider releasing a high quality PDF for direct purchase on his website in the interim; as this printing of his book does a grave disservice to a brilliant and very practical diagnostic outline he spent a great deal of time and effort perfecting.

This is a great pocket book guide line. Currently in my rotation year for PA school and it's a great go to when I'm trying to figure out the algorithms. The ones in the book is clear and precise and gives me confidence while I learn. It's nice to have a book when you go to place with poor connections and cellphone apps don't work as well!

As a new practicing emergency medicine PA, the chief complaint has established itself as a quintessential reference. Straightforward algorithms coupled with comprehensive explanation and sources for the most common emergency medicine complaints. Overall, a practical resource that will improve the methodology in which one practices emergency medicine.

Initially impressions: Unique approach and essentially the first pocket book that approaches chief complaints with the differential and thought process of the ED physician. Not to be mistaken for a complete reference, it does nicely cover many topics in a logic fashion. I like that he includes references/source for some of the info/stats in each section. Will post add to this review as I go farther into the book. My initial thoughts is any med student/intern/junior resident in particular should give this a look.

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