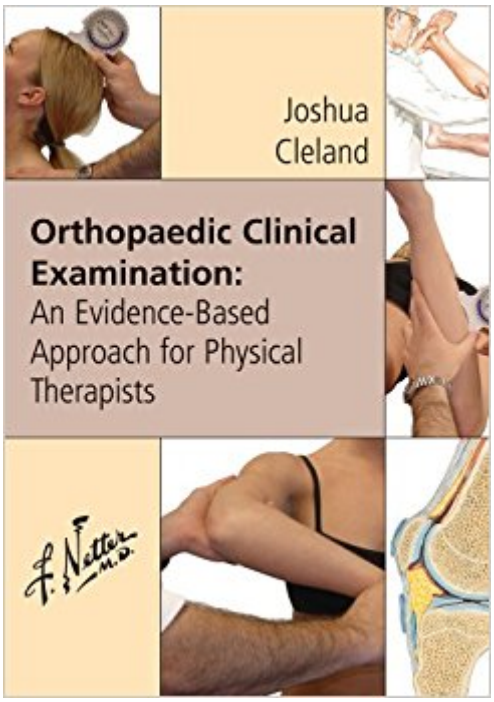
Orthopaedic Clinical Examination: An Evidence Based Approach For Physical Therapists, 1e (Netter Clinical Science)



Synopsis

Evidence-based practice is becoming an increasingly important topic in physical therapy clinical practice, especially as the cost of health care continues to accelerate. As a result, evidence is now being incorporated into all aspects of physical therapy patient/client management including examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, and intervention. Designed as a handy, quick-reference guide, ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICAL EXAMINATION: AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS takes a uniquely visual, evidence-tables approach to make it easy for clinicians to locate relevant evidence of the diagnostic utility of commonly utilized tests and measures.Features 281 evidence-tables with essential information clinicians need to make appropriate decisions on clinical tests for their patients.Provides information specific to the diagnostic accuracy of specific tests ... measures that have been investigated in controlled studies ... and each test's sensitivity, specificity, and likelihood ratios. In addition, each table offers an easy-to-follow guide to the performance and scoring of every test and measure.Offers information on the patient population and reference standard that was utilized in the corresponding study, with an overview of the study results and their applicability to the clinician's environment.Includes 169 Netter and Netter-style images and 173 photographs assure that clinicians have an understanding of the relative anatomy, arthrology, myology, and neurology behind the examination process.

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I bought this book on a recommendation to study for the physical therapy OCS exam. So far, this book is very clinically relevant. Great pics and descriptions, but I don't understand all of the statisics and research. There is a chapter on the statistics, but I was still uncertain of interpretations, so I had to do further reading in research texts and web pages to help me understand. If you have a stong research background, then you'd love this book. If not, you may find it slightly frustrating to understand all the areas of the book. Also, remember this is based mostly on Examination and not much on treatment. This would probably be a great book for students in a PT program that is based on evidence based practice.

The text is well written, easily understood and very clear for the novice (student) physical therapist. Being a student myself, I enjoyed the book, it really cleared up a lot of questions I had about likelihood ratios, specificity and sensitivity and when/why you would use a certain orthopaedic special test in the clinical setting. Otherwise, the book doesn't offer the most tests, for that you would want want to purchase Magee's text (the bible of special tests). I am pleased with my purchase and would absolutely recommend this text.

From the introduction of basic concepts such as likelihood ratios and predictive values to the simple table format with the always beautiful Netter illustrations, this is the ortho exam text to have. I just hope the next edition is being planned to keep pace with new research. Thank you to Joshua Cleland for putting this together for us.

The book is divided in anatomy sections. It reviews various orthopedic tests as well as their sensitivity and specificity, to allow the reader to choose and perform relevant tests. Easy to read and use, pictures are helpful as well.

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