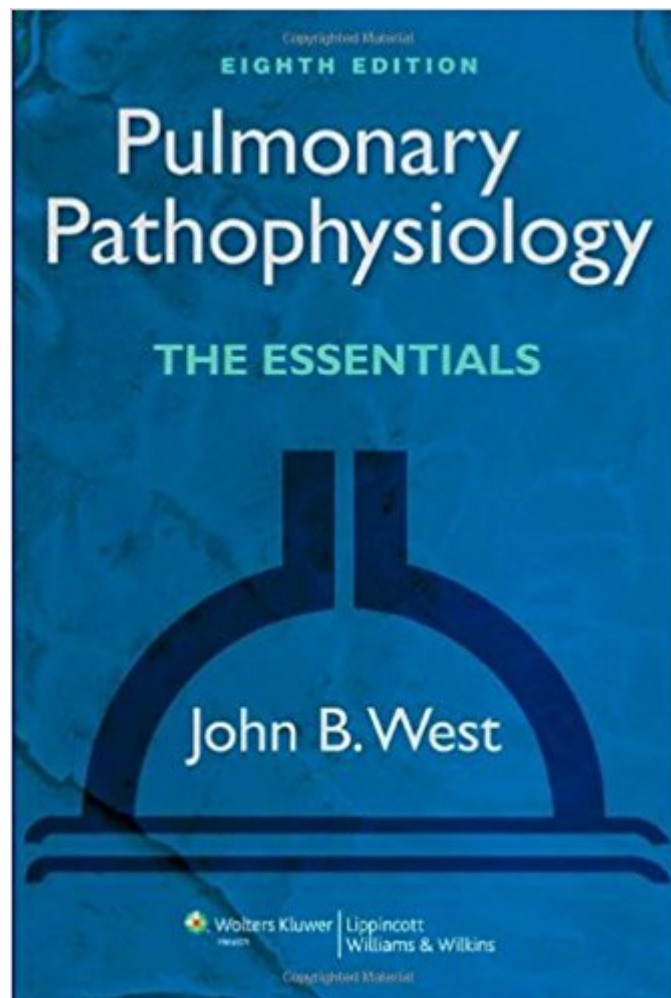




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This companion monograph to West's Respiratory Physiology covers normal respiratory function and focuses on the function of the diseased lung. Pulmonary Pathophysiology: The Essentials offers a concise overview of the diseased states of the lung, emphasizing structure and function. The Eighth Edition is updated to include new information on asthma therapies, new radiographs and micrographs, extended sections on infections and cancer, more thorough explanations for review questions, and a new summary appendix of equations with sample calculations.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a respiratory doc with teaching responsibilities. I have had a copy of West's Pathophysiology since the first edition. Many, if not all of my pulmonary pathophysiology lectures have used this text, and West's Pathophysiology was a key to my education as a medical student, resident, and fellow. While not quite at the "seminal text" level of the Physiology book, it's still a key book for a medical student or other practitioner in training. As I became more knowledgeable and experienced, I recognized the limitations of this book, with some of the sections being too simple and short for a fellow as compared to a medical student..

I read this book cover to cover as a pulmonary medicine fellow. The chapters emphasize important concepts in pulmonary medicine. It is not a stand alone source of pulmonary medicine but rather a

concise review of key ideas in pulmonary pathophysiology. I highly recommend this book to those in medical school, internship, residency, and fellowship.

Very pleased!

Book is exactly what I was looking for. Simple, concise and easy to understand. This book is easy to read and concepts are easier to grasp.

It's important to understand the objective of this text. It's firmly rooted in pathophysiology, the physical mechanisms that underlie disease processes, with a heavy emphasis on pulmonary function testing. West discusses these mechanisms in a much greater depth than you will find in a general pathology text (e.g., Robbins & Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease: With STUDENT CONSULT Online Access, 8e (Robbins Pathology)). However, don't expect much in the way of general pathology. There are literally two pages in the entire book devoted to infectious diseases, and only 1.5 regarding lung cancer. Why? Because pulmonary function testing isn't particularly important in diagnosing or following these patients, and their pathophysiological explanations are relatively simple. If you want a better idea of what is covered, take a look at the table of contents. The text is well written and easy to understand. However, I feel that the audience that will benefit from reading West's book is pretty small. I read this book as a 2nd year medical school to supplement my study of respiratory diseases. It turned out to be a waste of time, as the topics covered are relatively low-yield for medical school and board examinations. The questions at the end of each chapter are advertised as being in the USMLE format, but the only similarity is that they are multiple choice. Most are first-order checks on reading comprehension, rather than the second- and third-order tests of critical thinking found on the real medical boards. I think this text would be of greater benefit to someone going into physical therapy or respiratory therapy, an anesthesiology resident, or a beginning pulmonology/critical care fellow. Far and away my biggest complaint is the index. It seems that the index was copied straight from a previous edition of the book, because NONE of the page numbers are correct. This makes the book inaccessible to the casual reader seeking to use it as a quick reference for pathophysiologic concepts. I would have given the book three stars if not for this egregious flaw.

Fantastic book

Great guide for pulmonary care!

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