

This is a well written and comprehensive book covering venous problems, with accurate, interesting informative illustrations. It will be useful as a reference for general and vascular surgical divisions. It would also be an ideal gift for a graduating vascular resident or fellow.

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Since the first edition of *Campbell's Urology* was published in 1954, this 3-volume text has been regarded as the bible of urology. It is basic, essential reading for urology residents throughout the world.

Reflecting the dynamic evolution and rapid changes in urology in the past decade, this seventh edition, which appears 5 years after the last one, has undergone major revision and expansion. The editors have added 22 new chapters and over 30 new contributing authors, all experts in their fields. The editors have tried to make the book user friendly. Within the text of most chapters the authors have used bold type to emphasize essential concepts. In clinical chapters, many management algorithms and decision trees

have been included, which concisely summarize decision-making processes that often seem cumbersome when described in conventional text.

The book is arranged by organ system. Each system includes chapters on physiology, pathophysiology, clinical presentation and then both surgical and nonsurgical management. These sections constitute concise but comprehensive and, for the most part, clearly written mini textbooks.

Until recently by the time new ideas, discoveries or techniques had progressed from initial journal publication to hard-cover textbooks, these ideas were no longer fresh or new. Not so with this book: even Sildenafil is mentioned in the section on erectile dysfunction.

The depth of coverage is perhaps well illustrated by the introductory chapter of volume 1, which reviews basic molecular genetics. Similarly, the excellent oncology section is introduced by a brave and successful attempt to summarize recent developments in basic cancer biology, a daunting challenge for any author.

The entire section on pediatric urology is generally excellent, although some chapters on relatively rare conditions such as prune-belly syndrome seem to be disproportionately long.

The completely revised section on urinary lithiasis is outstanding. There is a detailed review of the many minimally invasive techniques that have been developed in recent years. Likewise, the section on endourology is superb. Finally, the section on urologic surgery is beautifully illustrated, comprehensive, up to date and well balanced when controversial approaches are discussed.

This seventh edition of *Campbell's Urology* is the best yet. It belongs in every practising urologist's library, every hospital's surgical library and continues to be a *sine qua non* for all urology residents.

CAMPBELL'S UROLOGY — STUDY GUIDE.

Edited by Patrick C. Walsh, Alan B. Retik, E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr. and Alan J. Wein. 447 pp. Illust. W.B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia; Harcourt Brace & Co. Canada, Ltd., Toronto. 1997. Can\$74.95. ISBN 0-7216-6020-7

The editors of the seventh edition of *Campbell's Urology* have simultaneously published this parallel study to provide a structured approach to formal didactic education for residents, program directors and practising urologists. The authors of each chapter have provided both questions and answers based on the material in the chapters. The structure of these questions varies, some authors providing very simple questions based on the text, requiring a word-for-word regurgitation of the text, other authors formulating questions in the form of problem-solving clinical situations based on the material in their chapter. The study guide follows the textbook chapter by chapter and provides answers immediately after the questions.

Although somewhat uneven in the construction of the questions, this study guide is a valuable tool for the urologist-in-training in assessing his or her ability to understand or retain what has been read. The questions, numbering over 3000, represent a significant additional contribution by the authors. I highly recommend this study guide to residents or board-eligible urologists preparing for certification examinations. Every program director will want a copy as well.

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