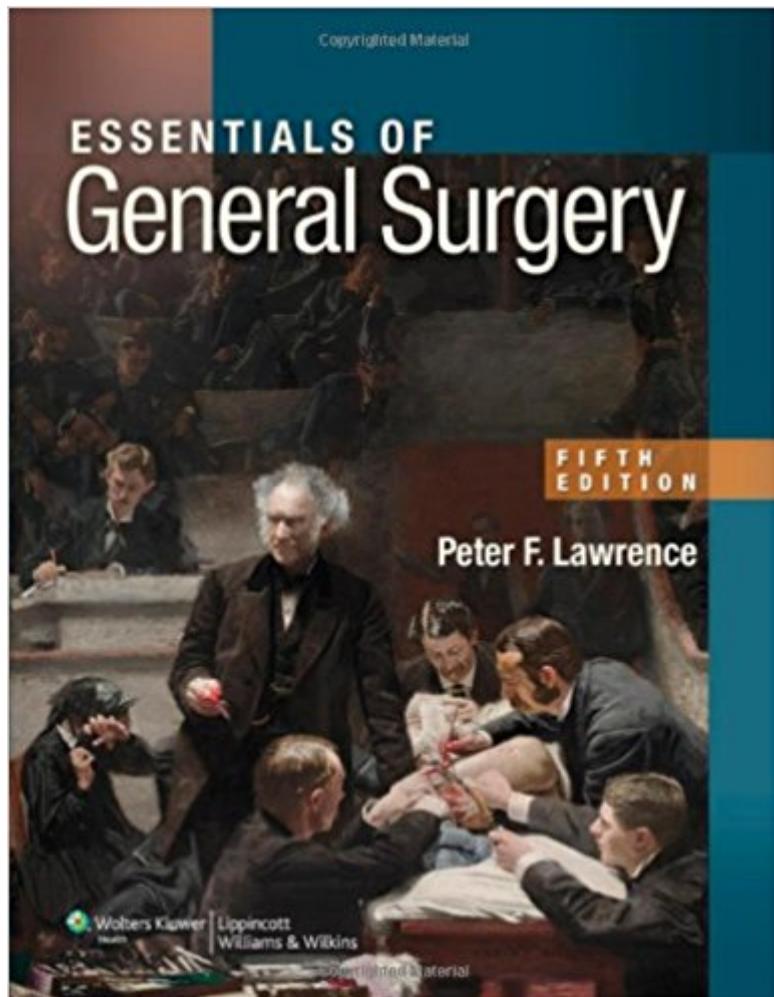


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For nearly 25 years, medical students and faculty alike have chosen *Essentials of General Surgery* and its companion textbook, *Essentials of Surgical Specialties*, for authoritative coverage of surgical information that every physician in training should know. The Fifth Edition incorporates current research from the field; new sample questions, answers, and rationales; and new tables and algorithms. A new art program presents concepts and images—“including an Appendix with 50 burn images—in full color for optimal learning and retention. — Why is this textbook so popular? — With its overview of anatomy, physiology, and coverage of pertinent complications for each case, the text prepares students for the NBME shelf exam for surgery, as well as residency training. — The authors—all of whom are practicing surgeons—“carefully manage the depth and breadth of content so that each section can be reasonably read and thoroughly understood by third- and fourth-year students. — Organized by systems, the text features a closing section on surgical procedures to orient students to some of the most common cases seen on a general surgery rotation. — With your purchase of the text, you’ll receive access to: Interactive question bank with answer explanations — Fully searchable eBook — Bonus chapters on ethics and surgical procedures — Image Bank

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This is a very thorough book, and has a lot of interesting material in it. Our clerkship director made this book mandatory for the clerkship and he expected us to get through it in our 12 weeks on

Surgery, but he has to be insane. I tried reading this book before I discovered Pestana...it is so dense and so full of completely low yield unimportant details for the THIRD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT. I am only basing this review on what I think this book has to offer for the third years out there. This is the only reason I am giving this book 4 stars. It is a good book, but please do yourself a favor and just get Pestana if you are a medical student. I do not want to go into surgery, so this might also be influencing my review, so please be aware. Of the first 4 chapters that I did manage to read during my SICU rotation, I did learn some important details, but in that time I could have learned so much more clinically important material by reading Pestana...

This book was recommended for my surgery core by my attending. It's an easy and informative read, but not a white coat pocket friendly size. It's great at explaining what is expected of you, the common pre-op and post-op procedures and complications, as well as common procedures you'll be exposed to during the three months. As for the shelf, there are pocket guides such as Pastina's 180 Surgical Notes and NMS Case Files that are more high yield, but this text is great for a real understanding of what you need to know (and are likely to get pimped on in the OR).

This book is a good resource for the third year medical student. As others have noted, improvements could be made to the organization (key points, summary, etc.) but this does not markedly detract from the book's content. A few notes to be aware of/why it gets fewer stars:-The online access is essentially just a searchable .pdf - not nearly the user-friendly, cross-platform functionality available with Inkling.-The "bonus online chapters" appeared in prior print editions - they have simply been put online rather than actually printing the extra pages in this edition.-The copy editing in this edition is terrible. For example, in the first chapter, every time the word "physicians" appears, it is written as "Physician's." Further, particularly in a book meant to be a resource for beginners in a field, misspellings like "palmer erythema" are unacceptable. To be fair, my criticisms are directed at the publisher (I've found similar problems with other LWW medical books) rather than the content of the text. I'll continue to use the book because it is what our school requires for our surgery clerkship, but I am not happy with the value. I would happily buy a book with similar content from a different publisher if given the choice.

Great overview for those that prefer to learn from textbooks. You will still need to use other resources for the surgery shelf, but it does a good job of giving a broad overview of important topics. Not too long either.

I read this textbook as a third year medical student. Suggesting this textbook for a third year medical student to learn surgery is akin to asking someone to find a needle in a haystack. There is a lot of really good information in this text for the 3rd year student, but I don't think you could organize it more poorly if that was your primary intention. Like the practice of medicine itself, we have to be more evidence based/ outcomes driven with medical textbooks. Today more than ever, from med student to attending level, more is required in smaller increments of time. Textbooks for this era must be designed to relay level appropriate information in an efficient and effective manner, This text fails in both of those regards.

This is the most unorganized book I have encountered in medical school. It reads like a stream of consciousness, jumping from point to point and leaving you wondering what exactly the point was. As a third year on my surgical rotation, I find it extremely irritating to read. The end of chapter review questions address topics that were never discussed in the chapter and there are way too many typos for any book claiming to be a "fifth edition".

I bought this book after going through the standard surgical texts (Schwartz, Sabiston), and found that they are really not compatible with daily reading for a quick 3rd year medical student clerkship. Additionally, it is more thorough than board review book like Blueprints, but with easily accessible language so you don't get bogged down. As for tackling "pimping questions" its adequate for the big picture. In terms of the clerkship shelf exam, it is definitely a great book if you supplement it with practice questions. It covers all the competencies expected in the Shelf exam.

Difficult to use for class. There are no page numbers. Also, when used on a PC (with kindle for PC) it's very difficult and sometimes impossible to highlight material for review. In addition, the search function does not work as the book cannot be indexed. This is one of the better utilizations of electronic books. I utilize quite a bit but I would not recommend this particular product.

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