

Clinical Guide Laboratory Tests

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This quick reference handbook offers clear, concise coverage of over 700 of the most commonly performed diagnostic and laboratory tests - including 39 new to this edition. Trusted authors, Kathleen Pagana, PhD, RN and Timothy Pagana, MD, FACS, bring together a comprehensive collection of full color designs, illustrations and photos to show exactly how various tests are performed. Related tests are grouped by chapter and presented in a consistent format to facilitate a full understanding of each type of diagnostic test. UNIQUE! Coverage of the clinical significance of test results explains why a given test result indicates specific diseases. Full-color design clarifies key concepts, procedures, and testing techniques. Related Tests sections list tests that provide similar information or are used to evaluate the same body system, disease process, or symptom. NEW! Unique front section on coding for diagnostic and laboratory tests (ICD-10) provides explanations of the coding requirements and challenges for diagnostic testing along with codes for all tests in the manual. NEW! 39 of the most current laboratory and diagnostic tests have been added to this new edition to reflect current best practices. NEW! Updated photographs and illustrations reflect the latest changes in testing equipment.

Find complete answers to questions such as which laboratory tests to order or what the results might mean. Laboratory Tests and Diagnostic Procedures, 6th Edition covers more tests than any other reference of its kind, with over 900 lab tests and diagnostic procedures in all. In Part I, you'll find an alphabetical list of hundreds of diseases, conditions, and symptoms, including the tests and procedures most commonly used to confirm or rule out a suspected diagnosis. In Part II, you'll find descriptions of virtually every laboratory and diagnostic test available. This edition is updated with the latest research and over 20 NEW test entries. Written by educator Cynthia Chernecky and clinical nurse specialist Barbara Berger, this lab reference covers today's lab tests with concise, easy-to-use information. More than 900 laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures are included — more than any other reference! Over 600 diseases, conditions, and symptoms are listed, along with the tests used to confirm them. Alphabetical organization and A-to-Z thumb tabs make it easy to find the information you're looking for. Alternative test names and acronyms are cross-referenced to simplify lookup. Instructions for client and family teaching help you offer guidance concerning test preparation and follow-up care. Age and gender-specific norms are provided, giving you complete lifespan coverage. Risks and Contraindications are highlighted to help you safeguard your patients and provide effective care. Panic Level Symptoms and Treatment are provided for dangerously increased and decreased levels. Minimum volumes for blood samples are included, useful when a client's blood preservation is essential, as well as information on whether blood specimens can be drawn during hemodialysis. Tests for toxic substances are included, making this a lab, diagnostic, and toxicology book all in one. Abbreviations, measurement prefixes, and symbols are listed on the front and back covers for convenience. Information on herbal supplements indicates when a client's use of natural remedies might affect test results. Over 20 NEW test entries present the latest tests and procedures, with a strong focus on affordable, clinically relevant genetic tests. UPDATED content includes the latest research relating to accuracy of tests, diagnostic value of results, and associated cost-benefit ratios.

Accurate Results in the Clinical Laboratory: A Guide to Error Detection and Correction, Second Edition, provides a comprehensive review of the factors leading to errors in all areas of clinical laboratory testing. This trusted guide addresses interference issues in all laboratory tests, including patient epigenetics, processes of specimen collection, enzymes and biomarkers. Clinicians and laboratory scientists will both benefit from this reference that applies discussions to both accurate specimen analysis and optimal patient care. Hence, this is the perfect reference for clinical laboratorians, from trainees, to experienced pathologists and directors. Provides comprehensive coverage across endocrine, oncology, hematology, immunohistochemistry, immunology, serology, microbiology, and molecular testing. Includes new case studies that highlight clinical relevance and errors to avoid. Highlights the best titles published within a variety of medical specialties. Reviewed by medical librarians and content specialists, with key selections compiled in their annual list.

Laboratory Medicine in Psychiatry and Behavioral Science is the only current book of its kind on the market, and the only laboratory reference to which psychiatrists and behavioral health clinicians can turn to find content that is directly related to their work.

Technologies collectively called omics enable simultaneous measurement of an enormous number of biomolecules; for example, genomics investigates thousands of DNA sequences, and proteomics examines large numbers of proteins. Scientists are using these technologies to develop innovative tests to detect disease and to predict a patient's likelihood of responding to specific drugs. Following a recent case involving premature use of omics-based tests in cancer clinical trials at Duke University, the NCI requested that the IOM establish a committee to recommend ways to strengthen omics-based test development and evaluation. This report identifies best practices to enhance development, evaluation, and translation of omics-based tests while simultaneously reinforcing steps to ensure that these tests are appropriately assessed for scientific validity before they are used to guide patient treatment in clinical trials.

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THE authoritative guide for clinical laboratory immunology For over 40 years the Manual of Molecular and Clinical Laboratory Immunology has served as the premier guide for the clinical immunology laboratory. From basic serology testing to the present wide range of molecular analyses, the Manual has reflected the exponential growth in the field of immunology over the past decades. This eighth edition reflects the latest advances and developments in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with infectious and immune-mediated disorders. The Manual features detailed descriptions of general and specific methodologies, placing special focus on the interpretation of laboratory findings, and covers the immunology of infectious diseases, including specific pathogens, as well as the full range of autoimmune and immunodeficiency diseases, cancer, and transplantation. Written to guide the laboratory director, the Manual will also appeal to other laboratory scientists, especially those working in clinical immunology laboratories, and pathologists. It is also a useful reference for physicians, mid-level providers, medical students, and allied health students with an interest in the role that immunology plays in the clinical laboratory.

Data included under each test includes test name and method, specimen requirements, reference range-conventional, interferences, diagnostic information, and remarks.

Practical and concise, this manual is a quick, go-to reference for up-to-date clinical material on today's diagnostic testing and laboratory tests. Three convenient sections provide quick access to key information on clinical laboratory testing, diagnostic imaging, and diagnostic algorithms. Experienced author Dr. Fred Ferri uses a unique, easy-to-follow format to simplify complex information and help you choose the best test to supplement your clinical diagnostic skills. Features a new appendix on when to use contrast agents in ordering CT and MRI scans. Discusses new modalities including transient elastography (Fibroscan), CT enterography and CT enteroclysis. Provides new comparison tables to easily evaluate the best test; new algorithms for evaluation of immunodeficiency and hematochezia; and new tables and illustrations throughout to improve your test selection.

A handbook that you will refer to throughout your entire pharmacy education! Pharmacy Student Survival Guide is a one-of-a-kind roadmap for excelling in pharmacy practice courses. A unique combination calculations, kinetics, drug information, medical terminology, and laboratory data book all in one, the Guide helps you organize case information, improve problem-solving skills, learn terminology, and impress faculty during rounds. Pharmacy Student Survival Guide is presented in three sections that span the entire pharmacy curriculum: Systems and Expectations covering etiquette, ethics, communication, monitoring patients, and the function of a medical team Patient Care Tool Box covering medical terminology, pharmacokinetics, laboratory data, and physical assessment Topics in Pharmacy Practice addressing the practice of community and institutional pharmacy, the pharmacist as drug information specialist, managed care, public health, and global pharmacy Valuable for both introductory and advanced practice courses, Pharmacy Student Survival Guide is the one book every pharmacy student must own.

The very first resource of its kind, written exclusively for Canada, Mosby's Canadian Manual of Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests provides clear, concise coverage of more than 700 of the most commonly performed tests, with Canadian lab values, SI units, Canadian cultural considerations, and more unique Canadian content. Its many user-friendly features include an easy-to-understand writing style, full-colour illustrations, and a logical organization. Each test entry is presented in a consistent format to provide quick access to information on specimen collection, normal findings, indications, test explanation, procedure and patient care, and test results and clinical significance, as well as any applicable contraindications, potential complications, interfering factors, and related tests. UNIQUE! Test Results and Clinical Significance sections explain pathophysiology and how test results may indicate certain disease processes. Critical values are emphasized to alert you to situations requiring immediate intervention. UNIQUE! Related Tests sections list tests that provide similar information or are used to evaluate the same body system, disease process, or symptom. UNIQUE! SI units in the Normal Findings section of appropriate tests offer quick and easy reference (conventional units also included). UNIQUE! Cultural Considerations boxes highlight important aspects of working with people from the diverse cultural and racial backgrounds of the Canadian population, such as First Nations communities. Includes Canadian generic and trade drug names to comply with Health Canada and the Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS). Addresses Canadian privacy laws and legislation (including PHIPA and PIPEDA), the Canadian Labour Code, and policies for DNA collection, reporting of infections such as Chlamydia, and much more. Provides information on Canadian test-tube colouring classifications and guidelines for the correct order and process of collecting blood samples in Canada. Follows Canadian standard precautions and procedures such as those set forth by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, as well as Canadian screening protocols such as those set out in the Canadian Cancer Society Screening Guidelines. Canadian statistics are provided for topics such as STDs and C. difficile. New full-colour photographs and enhanced illustrations clarify key concepts and reflect the latest procedures,

equipment, and techniques. Completely updated content covers 30 new tests, including ductoscopy, thyroglobulin, lactoferrin, and human papillomavirus.

The essential guide to more than 450 of the most commonly performed diagnostic tests – updated with the latest molecular, genetic, and microbiological tests A Doody's Core Title for 2017! Guide to Diagnostic Tests, Seventh Edition is a concise guide to the selection and interpretation of more than 450 of the laboratory and microbiology tests most relevant to the general practice of medicine. This on-the-spot clinical companion also includes coverage of diagnostic imaging, electrocardiology, echocardiography, and the use of tests in differential diagnosis. Features: • Covers areas of internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery, neurology, and obstetrics and gynecology • Over 25 new or substantially revised laboratory tests • New and updated coverage of emerging and re-emerging pathogens and infectious agents, including the Zika and Ebola viruses • Updated material on molecular and genetic tests, including pharmacogenetics tests • An entire section of diagnostic algorithms • Full literature citations with PubMed identification (PMID) numbers included for each reference • Details costs and risks of various procedures and tests • Full section on electrocardiography and echocardiography If you've been looking for an authoritative, up-to-date, and easy-to-carry guide to the latest diagnostic testing procedures, your search ends here.

With major advances in technology there are thousands of clinical and laboratory tests available, forming a key part of the diagnostic process in the highly complex field of modern medicine. This handbook provides a patient-orientated approach to investigation, with a comprehensive review of specialty-related tests. Written in the Oxford Handbook style, this book features references and up-to-date website links for extra clinical detail. This new edition has been revised to include the most recent developments in investigatory tests, with clear step-by-step instructions and updated illustrations to provide greater clarifying background to the text. Written by an experienced team of active clinicians, this is invaluable for junior doctors as a quick reference, as well as senior medical students preparing for examinations. A complete full-color guide to medical test selection and test result interpretation Laboratory Medicine is an essential text for medical students and residents studying clinical pathology, medical technology students, and for practitioners working in a clinical setting. By selecting the appropriate tests and interpreting the results correctly, physicians using this book should be able to optimize patient outcomes and reduce the cost of achieving a diagnosis. This full-color guide features an easy-to-follow, consistent presentation for each disease discussed. Chapters begin with a brief description of the disorder followed by a discussion that includes tables detailing the laboratory evaluation of specific disorders, and coverage of diagnosis, baseline tests to exclude diagnostic possibilities, and clinical indications that warrant further screening and special testing. Features Updated to reflect the most current information 46 laboratory methods presented in easy-to-understand illustrations which include information on the expense and complexity of the assays More than 200 tables and full-color algorithms encapsulate important information and facilitate understanding Full-color blood-smear micrographs demonstrate common abnormal morphologies of red blood cells Valuable learning aids in each chapter, including learning objectives, chapter outlines, and a general introduction Extensive table of Clinical Laboratory Reference Values showing the conversions between US and SI units for each value Coverage of genetic test options that are now commonly used in clinical practice

Practicing specialists in pathology, laboratory medicine, and obstetrics comprehensively summarize the latest scientific findings and their experiences in the use and interpretation of laboratory testing in patients who are pregnant or experiencing recurrent pregnancy loss. Topics of interest include the effects of normal physiological changes on test results, test selection for diagnosis, changes in reference ranges, monitoring the pregnant patient, new technologies, and the limitations of laboratory testing. The authors not only clearly explain currently used test methods and technologies for the nontechnical reader, but also provide comprehensive details for laboratory professionals. The comprehensive appendix that compiles published normal reference ranges by first, second, and third trimester constitutes an excellent resource for professionals caring for pregnant women.

A guide to the techniques and analysis of clinical data. Each of the seventeen sections begins with a drawing and biographical sketch of a seminal contributor to the discipline. After an introduction and historical survey of clinical methods, the next fifteen sections are organized by body system. Each contains clinical data items from the history, physical examination, and laboratory investigations that are generally included in a comprehensive patient evaluation. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

This useful guide to the interpretation of normal and abnormal laboratory results is now fully updated, including updates on established and familiar tests, as well as interpretations on recent developments such as PSA velocity and free/total PSA and coeliac surgery. In a clear and easy to digest format it outlines the new guidelines on specific clinical conditions such as heart failure, management of female infertility, specific lipid monitoring in diabetes and guidance for monitoring renal failure. A Guide to Laboratory Investigations continues to keep pace with change and will remain an ess.

"An essential 'how to when to' guide"--Cover.

Rev. ed. of: Clinical diagnosis and management by laboratory methods / [edited by] John Bernard Henry. 20th ed. c2001.

Mass Spectrometry for the Clinical Laboratory is an accessible guide to mass spectrometry and the development, validation, and implementation of the most common assays seen in clinical labs. It provides readers with practical examples for assay development, and experimental design for validation to meet CLIA requirements, appropriate interference testing, measuring, validation of ion suppression/matrix effects, and quality control. These tools offer guidance on what type of instrumentation is optimal for each assay, what options are available, and the pros and cons of each. Readers will find a full set of tools that are either directly related to the assay they want to adopt or for an analogous assay they could use as an example. Written by expert users of the most common assays found in a clinical laboratory (clinical chemists, toxicologists, and clinical pathologists practicing mass spectrometry), the book lays out how experts in the field have chosen their mass spectrometers, purchased, installed, validated, and brought them on line for routine testing. The early chapters of the book covers what the practitioners have learned from years of experience, the challenges they have faced, and their recommendations on how to build and validate assays to avoid problems. These chapters also include recommendations for maintaining continuity of quality in testing. The later parts of the book focuses on specific types of assays (therapeutic drugs, Vitamin D, hormones, etc.). Each chapter in this section has been written by an expert practitioner of an assay that is currently running in his or her clinical lab. Provides readers with the keys to choosing, installing, and validating a mass spectrometry platform Offers tools to evaluate, validate, and troubleshoot the most common assays seen in clinical pathology labs Explains validation, ion suppression, interference testing, and quality control design to the detail that is required for implementation in the lab

A quick guide to appropriately selecting and interpreting laboratory tests, Small Animal Clinical Diagnosis by Laboratory Methods, 5th Edition helps you utilize your in-house lab or your specialty reference lab to efficiently make accurate diagnoses without running a plethora of unnecessary and low-yield tests. It provides answers to commonly asked questions relating to laboratory tests, and solutions to frequently encountered problems in small animal diagnosis. For easy reference, information is provided by clinical presentation and abnormalities, and includes hundreds of tables, boxes, key points, and algorithms. This edition, now in full color, is updated with the latest advances in laboratory testing methods and diagnostic problem solving. Written by noted educators Dr. Michael Willard and Dr. Harold Tvedten, this book may be used as an on-the-spot guide to specific problems or conditions as well as a reference for more detailed research on difficult cases. Concise discussions address laboratory approaches to various disorders, possible conclusions from various test results, artifacts and errors in diagnoses, and interpretations leading to various diagnoses. Hundreds of tables, boxes, algorithms, and key points offer at-a-glance information including cautions, common pitfalls, and helpful "pearls," and lead to proper differential and clinical diagnostic decision making. Note boxes identify key considerations in correlating

clinical signs with test data for accurate diagnoses, highlight safety precautions, and offer helpful tips for sample preparation and interpretation. Chapters on laboratory diagnostic toxicology and therapeutic drug monitoring help in handling potentially fatal poisonings and other special situations. Expert editors and contributors provide clinical knowledge and successful diagnostic problem-solving solutions. A practical appendix lists referral laboratories that may be contacted for certain diseases, and reference values with the normal or expected range for coagulation, hematology, and more. Updated coverage integrates the newest advances in testing methods and diagnostic problem solving. Full-color photos and schematic drawings are placed adjacent to related text, and accurately depict diagnostic features on microscopic slide preparations as well as test procedures and techniques.

An aid to determine the possible cause of laboratory test abnormalities encountered in clinical practice. Sections include laboratory test index, disease keyword index, laboratory test listings, disease listings by ICD-9CM classification, and references.

Nursing-focused and easy-to-read, this full-color manual delivers all the information you need to understand how tests work, interpret their results, and provide quality patient care—pre-test, intra-test, and post-test.

As with other volumes in the Diagnostic Standards of Care series, Clinical Chemistry focuses specifically on understanding potential problems and sources of error in management of the clinical chemistry testing procedures, how to anticipate and avoid such problems, and how to manage them if they occur. The discussions are concise, practical, specific, and problem-based so the book directly addresses the situations and issues faced by the clinical pathologist or other manager or staff member of the chemistry team. Discussion of each problem is augmented by a case discussion giving a real-world example of how the issue can occur and how it can be effectively dealt with by the manager. The goal is to support the pathologist, manager or technologist in providing the highest possible quality of care and effective, timely consultation to the clinical staff. Clinical Chemistry: Diagnostic Standards of Care features: Comprehensive coverage of key issues in achieving quality in all areas of clinical chemistry Includes chapters dedicated to point of care testing, pediatric testing, laboratory information systems and EHR integration, and outreach testing Numerous case examples and discussions give real-world illustrations of how problems occur and how to avoid them Coverage includes perspectives from the lab manager's and administrator's view An emphasis on identifying established, evidence-based standards in clinical chemistry Examples of errors which compromise patient safety across all major areas of clinical chemistry Pocket-sized for portability

Basic Skills in Interpreting Laboratory Data, Fifth Edition, is the classic and most popular pharmacy laboratory text because it is the only reference on this subject written by pharmacists, for pharmacists.

Students find this guide a clear and useful introduction to the fundamentals of interpreting laboratory test results. The book enhances the skills pharmacists need by providing essential information on common laboratory tests used to screen for or diagnose diseases and monitor the effectiveness and safety of treatment and disease severity. Each chapter contains learning objectives, case studies, bibliographies, and charts that summarize the causes of high and low test results. New for this edition: Updated and expanded Quick View tables in each chapter now match those in the popular quick-reference, Interpreting Laboratory Data: A Point-of-Care Guide New glossary of acronyms is right up front for a streamlined reference Normal value ranges of all tests have been standardized by an expert pathologist New and updated cases in each chapter apply your Basic Skills in clinical situations Reorganized to highlight the application of concepts by body system, and in special populations Basic Skills in Interpreting Laboratory Data offers features that will help pharmacy students not only understand and engage with the material but also will streamline the transition from classroom to practice setting. After studying with this trusted text, students and pharmacists will more effectively monitor patient therapy, evaluate test results, and improve outcomes through optimal and focused pharmacotherapy.

This book was originally written after feedback suggested that storytelling was very helpful to students and practitioners wanting to remember blood tests and their implications. Each section, where appropriate, therefore contains a 'story', as well as an overview of the relevant anatomy, physiology and biochemistry. This revised, updated edition continues to use storytelling to aid understanding, and introduces a unique 10-point system to help explain blood results. The use of storytelling has also been significantly improved and refined, following several years of feedback on the first edition. Less formal than a biochemistry textbook and containing more narrative than an online protocol, Blood Results in Clinical Practice provides an excellent, accessible introduction to blood tests and what they mean. It also enables advanced practitioners to reflect on and improve their practice; and includes new and updated sections of relevance to physiotherapists, paramedics, pharmacists and advanced nurse practitioners. Finally, it provides a resource for patients and their relatives who may be keen to know more about the meaning and function of particular blood tests.

The acclaimed full-color guide to selecting the correct laboratory test and interpreting the results — covering ALL of clinical pathology A Doody's Core Title for 2019! Laboratory Medicine is the most comprehensive, user-friendly, and well-illustrated guide available for learning how to order the correct laboratory test and understand the clinical significance of the results. The book features an easy-to-follow, consistent presentation for each disease discussed. Chapters begin with a brief description of the disorder followed by a discussion that includes tables detailing the laboratory evaluation of specific disorders, diagnosis, baseline tests to exclude diagnostic possibilities, and clinical indications that warrant further screening and special testing. With new, increasingly expensive and complicated tests appearing almost daily, Laboratory Medicine, Third Edition is required reading for medical students, clinical laboratory scientists, and healthcare professionals who want to keep abreast of the latest testing procedures and maximize accuracy and patient safety. Features: •48 clinical laboratory methods presented in easy-to-understand illustrations that include information on the expense and complexity of the assays •More than 200 tables and full-color algorithms that encapsulate important information and facilitate understanding •Full-color blood-smear micrographs that demonstrate common abnormal morphologies of red blood cells •Valuable learning aids in each chapter, including learning objectives, chapter outlines, and a general introduction -- and new to this edition: chapter-ending self-assessment Q&A •Logical systems-based organization that complements most textbooks •Extensive table of Clinical Laboratory Reference Values that show the conversions between U.S. and SI units for each value Diagnostic Molecular Pathology: A Guide to Applied Molecular Testing is organized around disease types (genetic disease, infectious disease, neoplastic disease, among others). In each section, the authors provide background on disease mechanisms and describe how laboratory testing is built on knowledge of these mechanisms. Sections are dedicated to general methodologies employed in testing (to convey the concepts reflected in the methods), and specific description of how these methods can be applied and are applied to specific diseases are described. The book does not present molecular methods in isolation, but considers how other evidence (symptoms, radiology or other imaging, or other clinical tests) is used to guide the selection of molecular tests or how these other data are used in conjunction with molecular tests to make diagnoses (or otherwise contribute to clinical workup). In addition, final chapters look to the future (new technologies, new approaches) of applied molecular pathology and how discovery-based research will yield new and useful biomarkers and tests. Diagnostic Molecular Pathology: A Guide to Applied Molecular Testing contains exercises to test readers on their understanding of how molecular diagnostic tests are utilized and the value of the information that can be obtained in the context of the patient workup. Readers are directed to an ancillary website

that contains supplementary materials in the form of exercises where decision trees can be employed to simulate actual clinical decisions. Focuses on the menu of molecular diagnostic tests available in modern molecular pathology or clinical laboratories that can be applied to disease detection, diagnosis, and classification in the clinical workup of a patient Explains how molecular tests are utilized to guide the treatment of patients in personalized medicine (guided therapies) and for prognostication of disease Features an ancillary website with self-testing exercises where decision trees can be employed to simulate actual clinical decisions Highlights new technologies and approaches of applied molecular pathology and how discovery-based research will yield new and useful biomarkers and tests

For nearly 25 years, Ferri's concise, pocket-sized resources have served as the go-to medical reference books among students, residents, and other medical professionals. Ferri's Best Test continues that trend, providing fast, effective, and efficient guidance and helping you review the most important laboratory and imaging testing information, with an added focus on cost-effective decision making. Quickly access important information with concise, well-organized guidance to the most common lab tests and diagnostic imaging modalities. Simplify your decision-making process through analysis that describes the most common imaging studies for each organ system, reviewing their indications, advantages, disadvantages, and approximate costs. Confidently address problematic situations with background data that examines over 384 laboratory tests, describing the normal range of results in adult patients, typical abnormalities (positive tests, increased or decreased values), and the likeliest causes. Select the best test for diagnosing more than 200 common diseases and disorders. Keep important information at your fingertips with this portable, pocket-sized format that allows for convenient consultation anytime, anywhere. Apply the latest knowledge and techniques with thoroughly updated content. Expand your understanding of the testing process with the help of new algorithms and additional images. Take advantage of a practical, easily accessible format that is organized by clinical laboratory testing, diagnostic imaging and diagnostic algorithms for expedited reference and test ordering. Access over 300 laboratory tests and their approximate cost; review new modalities, such as magnetic resonance enterography (MRE) and intravascular ultrasound (IVUS); and see diagnostic algorithms of the most common diseases and disorders.

This reference provides information about specific laboratory and diagnostic tests in a format focused on the needs of nurses providing care and pre- and post-test teaching for clients and families. Implications are included to assist the nurse in understanding the purpose of a test and to focus on the learning needs of the client/patient and family. Previously available only as part of the Clinician's Guide to Laboratory Medicine package, the new 3rd edition of the Clinician's Guide to Laboratory Medicine: Pocket is now available alone. Inside, find practical approaches to the interpretation of abnormal lab tests. Includes differential diagnoses, step-by-step approaches, and algorithms, all designed to answer your lab test questions in a flash. This concise, organized guide fits easily in a coat pocket, providing you with the tools necessary to tackle even the most challenging lab tests. See why so many consider it a "must-have" book.

Can you decipher the myriad values that you see when the morning lab results come back? - Is this value high or low? - Is it a critical value? - Which ones do you need to be sure get addressed first? -Is your patient at risk if you wait for the physician? Getting familiar with and interpreting laboratory values can be intimidating. There's always the fear of messing things up and not being able to meet the patients' health needs. But, guess what? Familiarizing and interpreting laboratory values don't always have to feel that way. With the right tips, you'll be able to overcome those fears and complete your tasks easily. But First, A Warning: Before we go further, let me make something abundantly clear: This book does not contain a "magic wand" that will bring you instant knowledge without having to do any work. This book provides in-depth knowledge of the full spectrum of lab tests used today. But this only works for those who are willing to apply, take notes, read and re-read the chapters. So with that said, let me tell you... - Take Lab Values from random numbers and turning them into functional concepts that are actually fun ! - Look beyond the numbers and finally understand what the values mean. Learn an intuitive, multi-dimensional approach to assessing multiple lab tests and integrating them into your clinical practice. This is not hype, this is what my audience commonly report

- This complete lab book contains the latest information on testing organized alphabetically for quick reference.
- It has student-friendly features that provide great information for practicing nurses.
- "Significance of Test Results" sections list the diseases and disorders that are associated with abnormal findings, and Test Result Indications sections list the possible clinical significance of abnormal findings.
- Tests are presented in a format that emphasizes the nurse's role, and includes Basics the Nurse Needs to Know and Nursing Care.
- The clinical purpose of each test is identified, and how each test is performed is clearly explained.
- A pronunciation guide for the name of each test helps with difficult terminology

A focus on nursing explains how lab tests are used in nursing care. Alphabetical organization makes every test easy to find. Pronunciation guides for test names help students with difficult terminology. "Purpose of the Test" sections identify the indications of each test. "Basics the Nurse Needs to Know" offers an explanation of each test in clear, simple language. Normal Values in standard and SI units include variations for gender and age, where relevant. Critical Values are highlighted with the Normal Values, where relevant. "How the Test is Done" sections succinctly describe how each test is performed. "Significance of Test Results" sections list the diseases and disorders that are associated with abnormal findings. "Interfering Factors" sections list of the factors-such as drugs, herbs, and improper specimen collection and handling-that inadvertently affect test results. "Nursing Care" sections explain what the nurse is to do pretest, during the test, and posttest, and highlights nursing responses to critical values and complications, patient teaching, and health promotion. "Health Promotion" information is highlighted where relevant, noting the use of a test for screening asymptomatic individuals, with a testing schedule or other indication for when the test should be performed. Patient Teaching information is highlighted to make this crucial nursing content easy to find. Nursing Responses to Critical Values and Complications note what the nurse should be alert for during and after the test and how to manage dangerous situations. Appendix D: Common

Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests for Frequently Occurring Medical Diagnoses lists the tests used most often for various disorders, and is a handy guide for students using lab tests in clinicals, as well as for practicing nurses. Appendix E: Tests by Body System with Test Purpose lists all tests with page number of the main entry, along with the purpose of each test for quick reference. The new JCAHO guidelines for abbreviations are followed to reduce errors in laboratory readings.

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