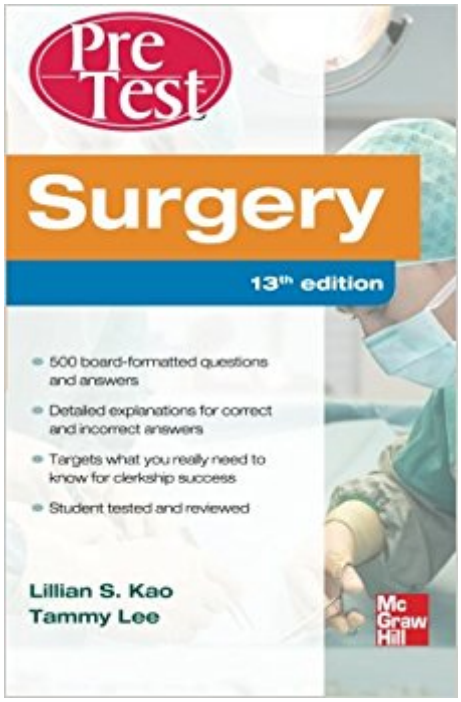
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Too many errors. One of the questions discusses doing a biopsy on suspected testicular cancer (NEVER do this-- it could seed the cancer-- the answer is to proceed straight to orchiectomy). There are also some minor answer key errors (states the incorrect letter before going on to describe

correct answer in explanation). Although the majority of the questions seem ok, the mistakes undermine my confidence in the reliability of the material. I'm not sure this book has been thoroughly reviewed and edited. Go for it if you've already used other sources and are looking for more questions, but I'd recommend other sources-- UWORLD, firecracker, pestana's, DeVirgilio's, and shelf-life surgery-- before this book.

This book has a number or questions that have some element involving "the imaging study shown here." Well, this would be fine, except the image isn't in the book, so... yeah.Also, the correct answers for a number of questions don't actually match up. For example, the answer quide will say answer B is correct, but if you read the description, it actually describes one of the other answer choices as the correct one.Someone clearly did not do an adequate job proofreading this edition.

I have been using the pretest books to study for all of my shelf exams this past year. I just got the new edition of pretest surgery. I have to say the questions are good, but I found quite a few errors. I mean seriously? This is a brand new edition and I have found multiple errors or lack of images that were supposed to be there to answer questions: 388, 397, and 444. There where other questions that had problems as well. I expected a little better editing skills for a book from McGraw-Hill.

Full of typos and errors. Can't believe that this book got printed like this. There were at least 4 questions asking you to look at an X-ray or CT that wasn't there. There were a ton of questions in which the explanation did not align with the given answer choice. This book was obviously thrown together in a few days because they know they can make money off dumb med students like me with any piece of crap. I have never written a book review on any before but felt motivated to let everyone know this book sucks.

Cons: Pre-Test is known for typos and questions that are too specific or hard for the clerkship exams.Pros: Great book for people that like to actively study since it is pure Q&A. The chapters are separated into specialties, so you can go thru a chapter before starting a sub-specialty to get familiarized. The answers are well-written and more concise than Uworld. Overall, I learned a lot from using it. You can easily finish the book in a long surgery rotation and still have time to use other study resources (i.e. uWorld)

Not the best way to go for the surgery shelf. Do a lot of internal medicine questions if you plan to

use it.

This book, at least the Kindle Edition, is fairly low yield and has some very frustrating errors in the answer key- namely that the answer listed and the answer description do not always line up. It is nice to have 500 questions to proactice on for only $20. I would suggest Pestana's Surgery Notes, which includes 180 quesitons, over this title.Pros- cheap, it has some key conceptsCons- errors in the answer key, low yield overall (there were few to no concepts exclusive to PreTest that were on the mock board), not as targeted for the Surgical Board or Step II as Uworld

This book has too many errors. A lot of duplicate answers in the choices. Answers that are just wrong (possibly due to a "negative" being left out of the question stem which would make the answer correct). The cardiothoracic section is missing all its images and radiographs (it will say in the question stem, "image shown here," and there will be no image. Due to the necessity of needing surgery questions to study for the shelf, that is the only reason to buy the book. But, use your own logic while studying from it as well.

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