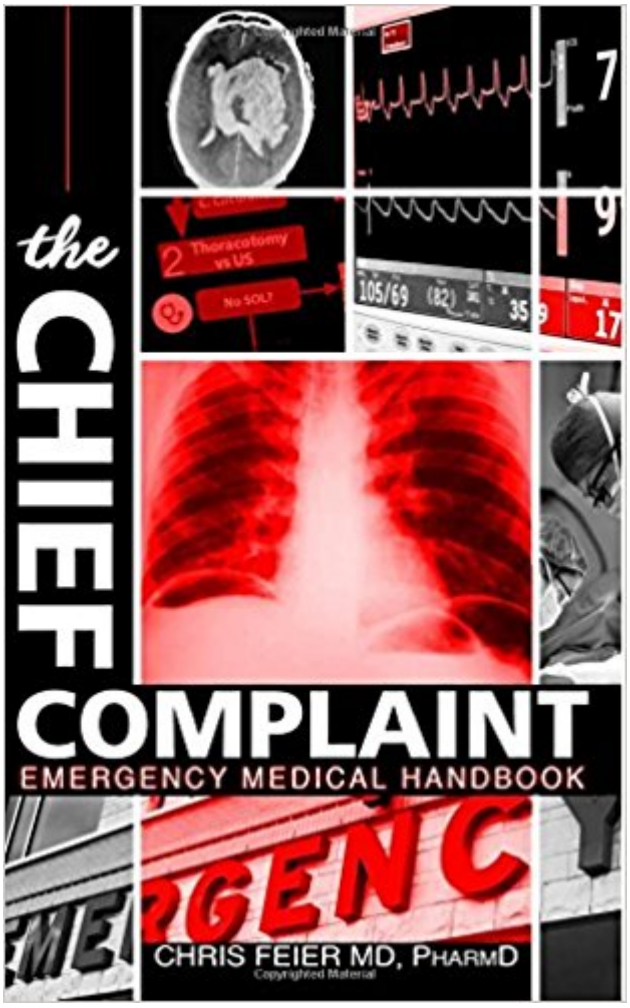
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This book is targeted at emergency physicians, but I strongly suspect that it will be of great use to paramedics and RNs as well. As a paramedic and EMS educator, I have found the book to be an indispensable guide to those first few steps of patient care for a diverse range of complaints. The well-educated paramedic will find "The Chief Complaint" to be an invaluable reference, something to be studied in addition to protocols. It is helpful and enlightening to know what the emergency department personnel are going to do with the patient once we have handed them over, and to determine which tests and interventions could (and should) have been performed in the field. High recommended.

This book is dynamite for any 3rd or 4th year medical student rotating in EM. Very organized and informative. One of the best textbooks I’ve purchased. Highly recommended.

The flow charts are small and sometimes broken up in the Kindle version. Difficult to follow and difficult to use on my iPad. I would imagine my iPhone used in the ER would be much worse. The content looks decent. Perhaps the pocket version is the way to go. Cannot recommend the Kindle version.

This is a great pocket book guide line. Currently in my rotation year for PA school and it's a great go to when I'm trying to figure out the algorithms. The ones in the book is clear and precise and gives me confidence while I learn. It's nice to have a book when you go to place with poor connections and cellphone apps don't work as well!

This bonk is what I needed during PA school and in my first (overwhelming and exciting) year as EM PA. I know I'll use it a lot as I transition back into EM- after being out and in critical care/pulm I need this concise guide. It leaves enough to make you want to read more but during the hectic shifts you just need the info fast so you can cya and bookmark It later for more info. The links worked well for me-I appreciate being able to see the references and see the evidence and review the articles. I think it's great that there are planned updates as the research continually changes in this field (sepsis guidelines anyone???) I have ordered the hard copy but love the kindle version because of the links. The links to FOAMeD sites are terrific. Great book- you'll appreciate all the work and flow that t has gone into it. Highly recommended. I'm a PA- but guess it would apply to interns for rotations, especially if EM is not your thing. (Btw-ha t e typing on my kindle but had to review this! Excuse the typos- it's not Dragon but worse:)

There are a lot of bedside pocket books out there but very few of them teach you at the same time as they are providing reference. This book educates young residents on the most effective way to approach each of the main chief complaints - "worst-first" and most common. Every intern in emergency medicine should have this from day 1

This is as concise as it gets with algorithms and logic that's really easy and interesting to follow. Bonus marks would have been to include common toxicological presentations

As a new practicing emergency medicine PA, the chief complaint has established itself as a quintessential reference. Straightforward algorithms coupled with comprehensive explanation and sources for the most common emergency medicine complaints. Overall, a practical resource that

will improve the methodology in which one practices emergency medicine.

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