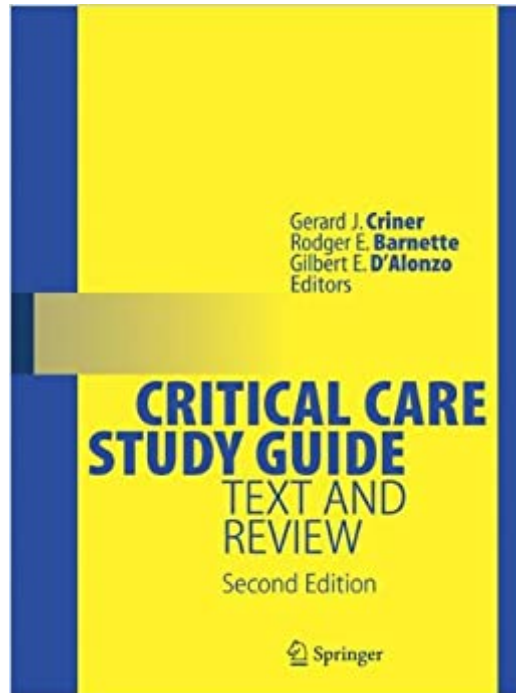




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Synopsis

Critical care medicine is a dynamic and exciting arena where complex pathophysiologic states require extensive knowledge and up-to-date clinical information. An extensive knowledge of basic pathophysiology, as well as awareness of the appropriate diagnostic tests and treatments that are used to optimize care in the critically ill is essential. Since our first edition 7 years ago, new information crucial to the care and understanding of the critically ill patient has rapidly accumulated. Because this knowledge base crosses many different disciplines, a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach presenting the information is essential, similar to the multidisciplinary approach that is used to care for the critically ill patient. We have strived to provide this content in an easily digestible format that uses a variety of teaching tools to facilitate understanding of the presented concepts and to enhance information retention. To meet the demand to provide comprehensive and diverse education in order to understand the pathogenesis and optimum care of a variety of critical illnesses, we have substantially revised the prior topics in the first edition with updated information. We have also markedly expanded the number of topics covered to include acute lung injury and the acute respiratory distress syndrome, an expanded discussion of the physiology and operation of mechanical ventilation, obstetrical care in the ICU, neurosurgical emergencies, acute coronary syndromes, cardiac arrhythmias, role of whole body rehabilitation in the ICU, ethical conduct of human research in the ICU, and nursing care of the ICU patient.

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The second edition of this best-selling study guide and text covers all aspects of critical care medicine. Written by a diverse group of physicians and health care personnel, it is of interest to all professionals who care for the ICU patient. The unique format includes key points highlighted in the margins for quick reference and self-assessment questions and answers at the end of each chapter. The text is supported by case studies, tables, and numerous illustrations that detail key procedures. The new edition has been revised substantially to reflect the most current research and guidelines, and new chapters have been added to make this the most practical and comprehensive study guide and text available today.

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It is straight and to the point as well as being very informative. Very easy to understand and read without difficulty

Detailed, does not miss anything. all topics are covered in detail and provide comprehensive review. easy to understand language and simple to follow line diagrams. i have read icu book and some portions of critical care essentials and find this book is easier to digest. it has over 1200 pages and that may be the downside although you can get through most of the material fairly quickly. is quite up to date and does mention recent references. one reading with intent to understand should suffice. so far i have read 10 chapters and find it fairly consistent. great book and worth reading.

This is actually an excellent textbook. The reason I am only giving it 3 stars is that the Kindle version (which I bought) is not optimized. There are no links and it is almost impossible to navigate. This is a good critical care book but buy the physical textbook, the kindle version is a waste of money.

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