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Biomedicine

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Biomedicine has so much information packed into its pages that I have to say it's an essential book for any acupuncture/OM practitioner's clinic. The red flag comments and sections alone make it worthwhile buying in terms of information to help avoid medical errors. The terminology is clear and information is explained well. There are many good quality drawings and figures accompanying an easy to read text. The section dividers make it easy to scan down a page and information boxes in green help to highlight information.

There are excellent physical exam write-ups in the Sections on Neurology, Cardiology, Pulmonary Medicine, and Gastrointestinal. The abdomen exam is worth reading for the information on making the patient comfortable even if you do Hara diagnosis and not a western exam.

The clinical scenarios at the end of each section are very true to life and have very probing questions to answer.

Biomedicine has an excellent glossary and a complete single index.

Five stars *** Biomedicine is a wonderful reference book for acupuncture physicians and anyone interested in a broad based book on clinical western medicine.**