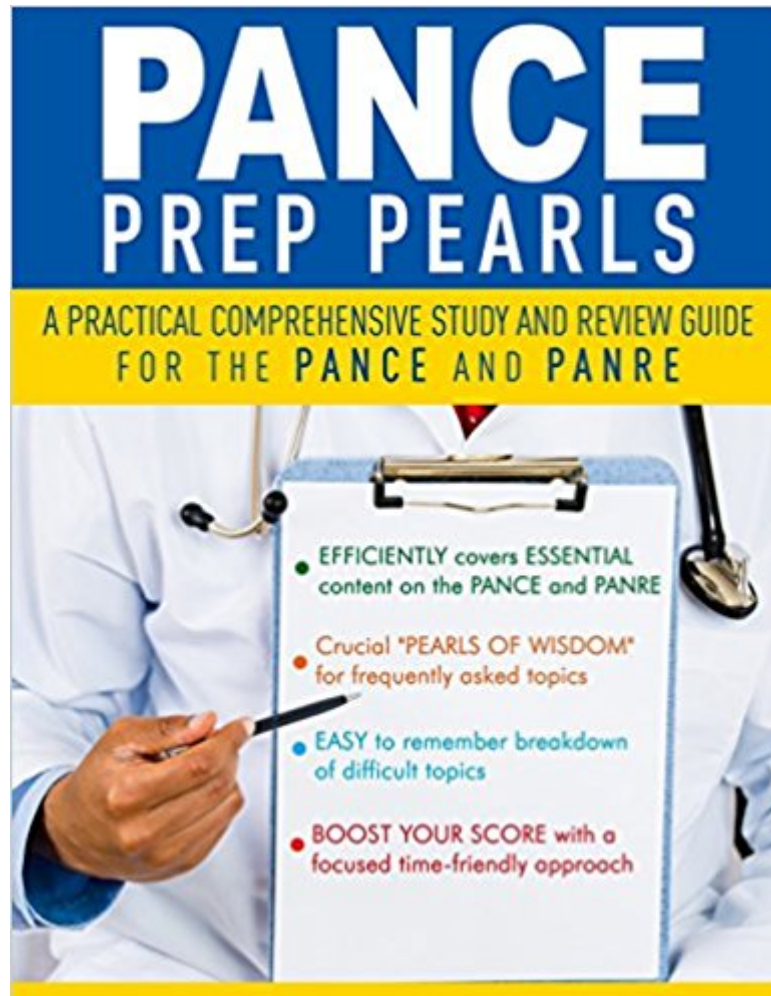




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Pance Prep Pearls



Synopsis

Written by a professor of physician assistant programs at two established universities, this study guide is formulated for physician assistant students and practitioners to increase knowledge and retention of important clinical information. While the primary purpose of this book is to serve as a comprehensive review of the material for the Physician Assistant National Certification Exam (PANCE), it's also a great tool for physician assistant students to understand commonly encountered diseases while on rotations during the clinical year, and as an adjunctive study guide during the didactic year. The book's comprehensible structure maximizes information retention with clear explanations of difficult topics. Visual learning is enhanced with such features as bold and italicized essential information, easy-to-read tables, and graphs and charts that allow you to compare and contrast topics commonly grouped together on exam questions. Clinical-correlation bullet points help connect related topics in different organ systems. Practicing physician assistants will also find this study guide to be a time-saving aid in preparing for the recertification exam (PANRE), as well as an excellent quick-reference resource to have on hand in their practice.

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Customer Reviews

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for their Physician Assistant National Certification Exam (PANCE) review courses. He also serves as a clinical preceptor for the Long Island University program. His book PANCE Prep Pearls is a comprehensive review of the material for the PANCE and an invaluable resource for physician assistant students and practitioners alike.

I'm in my clinical year in PA school and love this book so far! At first, I had serious doubts. It does have it's downsides, but I feel the positives far make up for the negatives.

PROs:-Great content. I was using the USMLE Step 2 CK, which I found to be too brief and often lacked explanations. This book explains pathophys at the beginning of the section, which you can skip if you want, and goes more into depth than many other review books, without getting as bogged down in a subject as Current or Harrison's-Lots of tables for visual learners-Cites sources at the end of each section - this was really nice and I hope he keeps it for later editions! It allowed me to not only know where the author was getting his information, but also pointed me in the right direction if I wanted more information

CONS-Formatting - I almost didn't use the book because the excessive bolding and underlining was almost too much at first! But you get used to it. What still bothers me is the excessive use of nonmedical abbreviations. He does explain most of them at the beginning of the book, but then there were some I found that I was not familiar with and weren't in the beginning, so that was frustrating. There are also a few typos, but I would expect that from a first edition-Lack of color/higher quality images - **ESPECIALLY** for dermatology. I really couldn't use this book to study for dermatology because of the lack of color images, which was a shame. I realize color printing probably costs more, but I would be willing to pay more for the book if it had color images-Lack of an index - even the index added online later is not the best. For instance, I was trying to find Salmonella, because I knew I'd read about it in the book somewhere, but I had forgotten where - luckily I remembered it was in the section about Infectious Diarrhea, because the added index is very basic and you could not simply look up Salmonella, which really becomes a problem in a 400+ page book-Lack of review questions at the end of each chapter - this might just be me, but I wish more review books would implement review questions at the end of chapters to help you learn what they just taught you! Not even necessarily PANCE-level questions (there is an entire other book dedicated to that, after all), just questions to reinforce section concepts. I really haven't found a review book that does this, but I think it would be a great idea!!

I hope this review doesn't sound too down on the book, because I stand behind my 5 star rating! The content is what really separates the book from the rest. All of the other comments are really just ideas that I hope the author implements a few of for later editions. I never write reviews and this book inspired me to do so, so he must be doing something right :) If I

remember, I'll update with my progress through clinical year and the PANCE!

Absolutely one of the best PANCE prep books that I have seen. I'm a current PA student preparing for the PANCE and after reading through a lot of different review books I am confident to say that I think this book will most effectively prepare me for the PANCE. It has everything that other review books include plus more. This book contains multiple different formats (pictures, charts, tables, etc.) that appeal to all different types of learners and is organized so much nicer than other books I have read. It is very precise and clear and fully covers the most important topics for the exam. I 100% recommend this book for PANCE or PANRE review.

This book has been invaluable during my time in PA school. I use it to study for every exam and plan to use it extensively when studying for the pance. It's my kind of studying. Includes everything you need to know and nothing extra. It's not bogged down with unimportant details. Buzzwords are in bold, underlined, starred, etc. Does a great job of saying what treatments and dx are first line, contraindications, side effects, and all of the need to know information. It's layed out very well and very easy to study from. I recommend this for any PA student or practicing PA. It's all black and white but does include images that are still pretty good quality. What I really love about this book is everything that's in there is there for a reason. It's divided up into all the main components of the PANCE, has great tables for comparing similar conditions, and many extra sections for things like EKG's or drugs. Buy it! You really won't regret it.

I didn't like this book at first because it seemed packed with so much material and pages looked packed full of study material that it seemed too much for my eyes. BUT, it eventually grew on me and really liked it as a resource. it tells you exactly what you need to know for the exam. I reviewed it right after I took the PANCE and saw questions that I wasn't sure on had all the answers in that book. I didn't review the entire book because I ran out of time, but I did review most of it. I also didn't like how there were some abbreviations that I didn't know and weren't on the abbreviation list so I had to stop often to look them up. but overall, I'm happy with this book. Passed the PANCE on my first try. Used the O'Connell book, PA Life Academy, and Brian Wallace's Finish Line.

This was a comprehensive review - well written. I felt pretty rusty in my general medicine as I work in a specialty. I used it to study for PANRE and passed with no problem. It is written in an outline format and for first few pages I had trouble getting the "rhythm". Once I caught on - loved it. Would

use again.

I'm a Pediatric PA of 5 years and just took my PANRE this week. I've just received my results so I now feel comfortable enough to write a review. First off, the material is up to date and easy to follow. I also like that the clinical pearls are highlighted to give you high yield information. It also has easy to follow charts for diseases that you can compare and contrast. I also brought the question book to supplement. I PASSED MY PANRE and was in the top 1% for most subject areas and others between 2-6%. Let me just say this book was a life saver. PLEASE DO NO HESITATE to start your study plan and purchase this book.

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