

### Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (5th edn)

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This is the fifth edition of this very successful book, 485 pages long and priced at £29.95. For its size it is a surprisingly comprehensive review that contains relevant up-to-date useful information on antibiotics and their rational use in a clinical context. The book is well written and is easy to read. It contains several useful charts and diagrams that aid in the understanding of the text and provide information on antimicrobials and antimicrobial use in an easily digestible format.

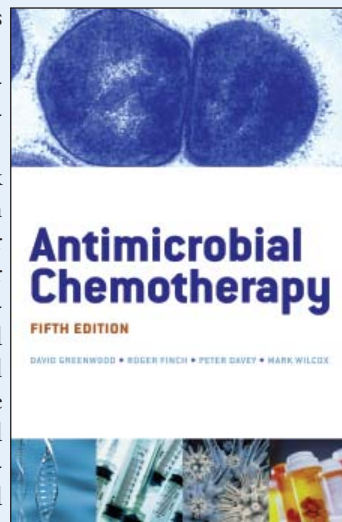
The book itself is divided into four sections that deal in turn with the following areas:

1. General properties of antimicrobial agents including historical context
2. The details of antimicrobial resistance

3. The general principles of antimicrobial usage
4. The use of antimicrobials in specific infections.

The layout of the book ensures that the book can be either read from cover to cover or picked up for reference on certain topics. Its undoubted strength is the clinical context within which the information is portrayed and the sections on antimicrobial resistance and principles of antimicrobial usage are worth the price of the book alone.

The book is well suited to undergraduate level doctors but the attention to detail and the chapters on antibiotic use in the clinical setting mean that this book is just as valuable to the practising clinician.



There is very little in the book to criticize. The comprehensive nature of the book means necessarily that some attention is paid to areas of antimicrobial chemotherapy that are beyond the scope of most physicians. The first section on general properties of antimicrobials is dry, but better than most, and contains a lot of information not relevant to most clinicians. In addition the text boxes 'Prescriber's survival kit' were, for me, too simplistic to contain any really useful information. That said, the positives definitely outweigh the negatives. This is therefore a book that I can easily recommend, and one that I wish I had been introduced to sooner.

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histories, and links to further sources of information.

The book opens by defining the differences between careers information, advice, guidance and counselling and when each one might be appropriate. There is a chapter which focuses on how the 'Modernising Medical Careers' initiative has highlighted the historic lack of careers support for medical students and doctors in training. Further chapters then go on to provide lots of useful advice and information on areas such as what careers information should be made available to doctors, how staff could be trained to become effective careers advisers and finally how one might develop a careers strategy.

With so much change occurring within postgraduate medical training at the present time the content of some of the chapters may become out of date quickly but even so much of the information will stand the test of time as it is based more on principles and frameworks for action.

This is a useful book for anyone looking for increased confidence in how they might advise medical students and doctors to make realistic careers decisions.

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### Interactive Pelvis and Perineum Male and Female

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Robert Richardson, Stan Lennard  
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This DVD gives a detailed anatomical assessment of the pelvis and perineum in both the male and the female. It effectively allows the user to move around the pelvis on a computer-generated simulation model and explore different regions of anatomy in what is a very complex part of the body.

Images can be rotated and cut through and often have accompanying magnetic resonance images or clinical pictures, mostly obtained from laparoscopy, to help illustrate the anatomical landmarks.

This DVD is both PC and Mac compatible and would prove a very useful guide to those performing pelvic surgery or indeed to medical students or those studying for anatomy exams who could not only use the pictures to help assist their learning but also the interactive MCQ and quiz to directly test their knowledge.

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### Guiding Doctors in Managing Their Careers: A Toolkit for Tutors, Trainers, Mentors and Appraisers

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I believe this book fills an important information gap for those whose job or role puts them in a position of providing careers information, advice or guidance to medical students or doctors. It is the first book I have seen that addresses how those individuals or a team could go about delivering these. It needs to be stressed, however, that this is not a book for individuals who are seeking advice or guidance on how to plan and manage their own careers in medicine, but is aimed at careers advisors and clinical tutors.

The book consists of 10 chapters, written by four academic GPs, some of whom have made several changes in their life and career without the benefit of objective careers advice and guidance. The layout makes for ease of use, with plenty of topic boxes, bullet points and case