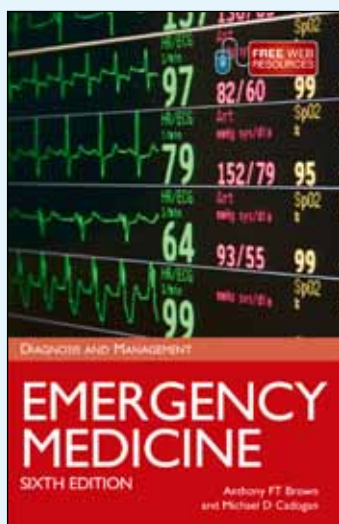


Emergency Medicine (6th edn)

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The 6th edition of *Emergency Medicine* offers a comprehensive guide to the clinical practice of emergency medicine. The full breadth of specialties are covered, offering structured approaches to almost all presentations the emergency medic will encounter.

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emergency medical presentations and will support clinicians of all levels as an aide memoire. It can also be used as a revision guide for medical students through to emergency medicine trainees preparing for their Membership of the College of Emergency Medicine exam.

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This popular book written by leading experts in the field has, since its first edition, been considered as an essential guide for health-care workers involved in the testing and care of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infected patients.

This excellent new edition has been updated to incorporate developments and current issues in the management of HIV. It includes new chapters on immunology, strategies to prevent late diagnosis

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In spite of the additional information the authors have managed to keep the size of the book manageable and easy to read by removing chapters which are no longer relevant. This edition is highly recommended as the best available overview on HIV and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).

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Transplantation is a complex field, in which experience and consensus opin-

ion, rather than evidence from large scale randomized controlled trials, more often than not shape management strategy. The authors of this book are established and respected experts in the field, whose contribution to transplantation is well documented. In this book, they provide a clear, concise and transparent overview of renal transplantation, suitable as a primer for most trainees in nephrology and transplantation.

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This book can be recommended to those in their first year of transplantation

training and to allied health-care professionals with an interest in transplantation. It is important to note, however, that protocols and recommended regimens in this book are local to the practice of the authors, so should be referenced against existing protocols at regional transplantation centres in the UK.

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