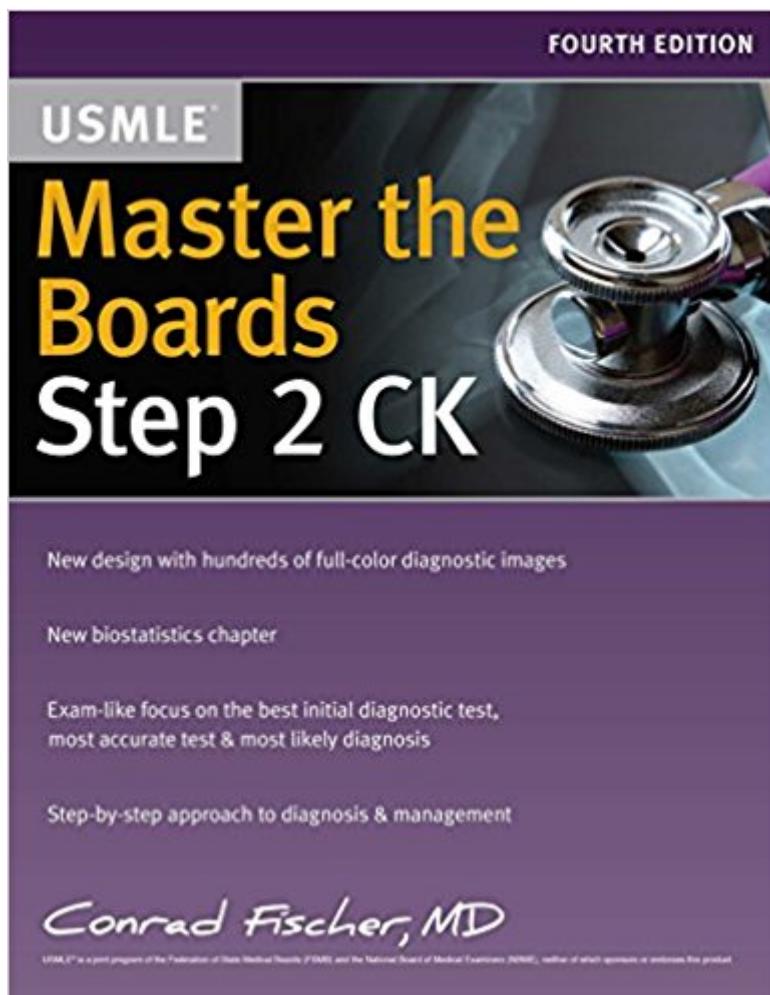


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# Master The Boards USMLE Step 2 CK



## Synopsis

Featuring exclusive tips and targeted review from USMLE expert Conrad Fischer, MD, Master the Boards USMLE Step 2 CK has the information you need to excel on the exam and match into the residency program you want. Designed to work with Kaplan's Step 2 High Yield course, this edition features exam-style questions and is the highest yield full-color review book for the Clinical Knowledge exam. If it is not likely to appear on the test, it is not in this book. The Best Review New design with hundreds of full-color diagnostic images, algorithms, and tables New biostatistics chapter and expanded disease coverage, with dozens of new topics including Zika and Ebola Logical, step-by-step approach to patient care Disease topics are presented in exam-style format for realistic review: What is the most likely diagnosis? What is the best initial test? What is the most accurate diagnostic test? What is the treatment? Expert Guidance Avoid surprises on Test Day with exclusive tips and targeted review from USMLE expert Conrad Fischer, MD. Expert test-taking advice, including tips for recognizing incorrect answers and guidance on the order in which steps should be taken. We invented test prep. Kaplan (www.kaptest.com) has been helping students for almost 80 years. Our proven strategies have helped legions of students achieve their dreams.

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## Customer Reviews

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The "organization" of this book makes my head spin. From topics having entries in more than one chapter/section to having next to nothing on common topics...PROS- Has an individual section on each of the following topics: Ophthalmology, Radiology, Allergy and Immunology, and Preventive Medicine - which is unique to this book as First Aid for Step 2 CK and Step Up to CK not have individual chapters on these topics.- Has practice questions throughout the chapters.CONS- No Musculoskeletal section- Some topics are vague and it doesn't have many tables to compare different diseases or topics.- Infectious disease section is lacking. The topics in this section really should be intermixed with the respective organ system sections. For example, rheumatic fever is not in the Infectious disease but it's in the cardiology section - great - but then put endocarditis in the cardiology section also. And why isn't there anything on myocarditis?- TTP and HUS are both covered in Hematology AND Nephrology. UGH! And they both basically say the same thing.- Section on aortic disease is basically all questions, and then treatment questions should be supplemental to the text on a topic, not be the actual text on the topic.- Oh wait, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms and Aortic Dissections are elaborated on in the Surgery chapter.- Spinal Stenosis AND Disk Herniation are in BOTH the Rheumatology and Surgery chapters.- "Sports Medicine" is in the Rheumatology Chapter, and "Orthopedics" is in the Surgery Chapter, so Rotator Cuff injury (SHOULDER ligament tear) is in Rheumatology, yet ACL, MCL, PCL (KNEE) ligament tears are in Surgery.- Sleep Apnea is partly in Pulmonary and partly in Psychiatry, and doesn't discuss mixed or central sleep apnea in either section.- Topics like Iron Deficiency Anemia don't even have a large header and have very little information yet things like Cold Agglutinin Disease and Warm Autoimmune Hemolysis both have separate large headers and more information listed below them than Iron Deficiency anemia.- Next to NOTHING on Lung cancers. What happened to the different types and the paraneoplastic syndromes?- Esophageal cancer is in Gastrointestinal and Lung cancer is not in Pulmonary. Why is Lung cancer in Oncology and other GI cancers aren't? Put lung cancer in Pulmonary and elaborate on it a bit, please.- Diabetic Gastroparesis is in BOTH Endo and GI. Why both?- Chronic Pancreatitis and Acute

Pancreatitis are separated by 4 pages and a dozen other topics. Why?- Meningitis is under Infectious disease, but Brain abscesses is under Neuro..- Mallory-Weiss is covered in both GI and Surgery, but Boerhaave Syndrome is only covered in Surgery. Appendicitis and Cholecystitis are only covered in Surgery, where acute pancreatitis and diverticulitis are split and discussed partly in GI and part in Surgery.- Polyhydramnios and Oligohydramnios are in Pediatrics. They would be better off in Obstetrics.

**TOPICS COVERED IN THIS BOOK NOT IN OTHERS:** Ascites, Essential Thrombocythosis, Kallman Syndrome, Leukostasis, Myelodysplastic Syndrome, Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis.

**TOPICS NOT COVERED:** Adenocarcinoma - pancreatic or pulmonary, Aortocaval compression syndrome, Asbestosis, Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome, Bile Duct Stricture, Biliary Dyskinesia, Bilirubin encephalopathy, Breastfeeding - Benefits & contraindications, Breastfeeding failure, jaundice, Breast milk jaundice, Budd-Chiari syndrome, Burkett Lymphoma, Cephalohematoma, Cerclage / Cervical insufficiency during pregnancy, Cerebral Palsy, Cesarean Section - indications, contraindications etc., Child abuse, Choking, Foreign Body.

Aspiration, Cholangiocarcinoma, Cholangitis, Choriocarcinoma, Crigler-Najjar Type I and Type II, Cyanide toxicity, Degenerative disc disease, Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma, Dumping Syndrome, Emphysema, Endocrine pancreatic cancers - only has Gastrinoma but missing VIPoma, Glucagonoma, and External cephalic version, Erythema nodosum, Fetal alcohol syndrome, Follicular Lymphoma, Gait disorders, Gangrene, Gastric bypass, Gastroparesis (other than diabetic gastroparesis which is covered in two chapters), Gilbert disease, Heat emergencies - Hyperthermia, Heat Stroke vs Heat Exhaustion, Hemangioma - Cherry, Strawberry, etc., Hepatic neoplasms, Hernias, Hidradenitis suppurativa, Hydatidiform Mole, Hydrocephalus (of any type), Hyperbilirubinemias, in children & adults, Hyperlipoproteinemias, Hypersensitivity reactions, Insulinoma, Lichen Simplex Chornicus, Malaria, Marfan Syndrome, Maternal conditions during pregnancy - Maternal Asthma, Hyperemesis gravidarum, Maternal DVT, Maternal UTI & Maternal Drug Abuse (all topics discussed in Step-Up to Step 2 CK), Meconium aspiration syndrome, Medial Medullary Syndrome, Meralgia paresthetica, Miliaria types, Multiple Endocrine Neoplasias (MEN 1, MEN 2A, MEN 2B - none of which are covered), Myocarditis or Pediatric viral myocarditis, Necrotizing fasciitis, Neural tube defects, Neutropenia, Pancreatic cancers (exocrine pancreatic cancer, Pancreatic adenocarcinoma), Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia, Portal Hypertension, Prolapse - Rectal prolapse, uterine prolapse, etc., Pyoderma gangrenosum, Reactive airway dysfunction syndrome, Retinoblastoma, Silicosis, Small cell carcinoma, Splenic abscess, Syncope, Tay-Sachs, Tendonitis - De Quervain tenosynovitis, Epicondylitis, Transient Ischemic.

Attack (TIA) Tricuspid Atresia Wallenburg Syndrome Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome This book would be VERY helpful if it listed the topics each chapter under more specific sections and organized things more clearly. For example, organizing the Gastrointestinal section by Oral Conditions, Esophageal, Gastrointestinal, Hepatic, Pancreatic, etc. It jumps all over the place and it makes it difficult to quickly flip to a section and find the topic you're looking for. Overall it's a pretty good supplement to First Aid for Step 2 CK or to Step Up to Step 2 CK. This book is 649 pages. It's printed on sort of like a thin printer paper - it's not the semi-glossy paper that First Aid and Step Up to Medicine and Step Up to CK is printed on.

There are not many reviews about comparing this edition to the previous one. I like this new edition. It's more fluid and has a better format. Read it with UWorld and you will have all you need to pass. But if you are getting lower scores on UW you probably need other sources too. I would also read MTB3 for pediatrics, OBGYN and surgery.

I started reading this about 4 weeks prior to my exam and began annotating it with information I had from UWorld. After completing UWorld, I reread this and focused in on the rotations that I hadn't had in a number of months. I highly recommend taking your IM clerkship right before your exam. It's about 60-70% of the test and I was studying 8 weeks for the block exam, I was also studying for Step 2. I loved this book, it was easy to read, and pretty comprehensive. Scored a 251 with this and UWorld.

I just tried the Kindle version and it is not reader friendly at all. Will you guys release a better "print friendly" version which is worth investing money in Kindle version? First Aid pulled their crappy Kindle version and replaced it with one worth spending money on. When will MTB do the same? I already bought the hardcopy but I wanted to add a Kindle version to my iPad but I guess it is not worth spending my money on.

The best book for Step 2 CK. It does a great job of preparing you for the exam, focusing on the relevant symptoms, diagnostic tests, and treatments for each disease, especially describing key words and what is DIFFERENT about each disease, which is how questions are written. This is the Step 2 equivalent of FA for Step 1, but not only that, I feel I am a better medical student for it, and have a better understanding of how to work patients up. The only con is that it is more focused on IM, so it may not be sufficient for other rotations (certainly not surgery for instance). It also, like most study aids, is not all inclusive, but I would say it covers 85% of the material required to ace the IM shelf exam/Step 2. Highly recommended, you will not regret buying this book.

It's very basic and bare bones information, which I was expecting based on some reviews. I'm fine annotating with UWorld into it, and there's plenty of space in the book to do so - but I'm digging around forever, flipping pages to figure out where the topic is because there's no pattern to how they're organized - not head to toe, not totally timeline based (for Ob), and it's infuriating. Even with the chapters it goes from cards, to ID, to allergy, then endo, then pulm, etc and I have yet to figure out why. As for the classic thought of MTB 3 for the non-IM sections - at least for Peds, there's a decent amount of standard information missing from the MTB 2 section (vaccines, chromosomal disorders) that's in 3 - so you're going to be shuffling through a lot of pages. I'd advise against buying the two MTB and just buy one First Aid or Step Up book or something. Or even not buying a text for CK and just jotting down UW notes to make your own.

One of the best books I ever used to study. Information is clear, short. The font is big enough for convenient reading. There are tables, different colors, bold font used. Especially, I want to say about lists (e.g list of symptoms): usually they are written in one line to save space, but here they are organized in columns, and this makes studying more sufficient. I appreciate the author's work very much!

Master the Boards USMLE for Step 2 CK is definitely one of the best resources I have been using to study for the Step 2 CK. It gives you a basic understanding of what the exam is looking for and answers some of the typical next best step, diagnosis and treatment questions. I got mine whole punched and just add more information to it as I go through clinicals and other resources that may be helpful along with this book. I love Conrad Fischer! He is really awesome and really tries to give you a skeleton model to build on using your clinical experience. It is definitely a must have for every student getting ready to take Step 2 CK. Start with this book early!

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