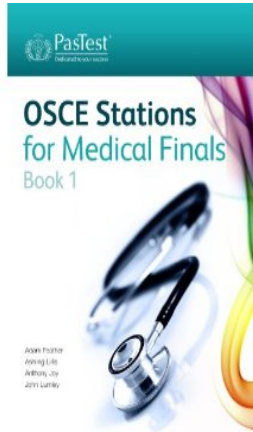




Medical Finals Book Review



### OSCE Stations for Medical Finals [Book One]



Review Star Rating:-

Authors:- Adam Feather; Ashling Lillis; Anthony Joy; John Lumley

Publisher:- PasTest

Year:- 2012

This revision text is a comprehensive source of 20 clinical scenarios ranging from shortness of breath to confusion aiming to help prepare for the OSCE in medical finals. It is part of a three part series with parts 1 and 2 focusing on general medicine and surgery and part three devoted to specialities included in the foundation programme. Importantly, the series cover all of the procedures and competencies included in Tomorrow's Doctors and the Foundation Programme Application System [FPAS].

The book lends itself to team learning as each scenario is split into a section for a student to act as a patient/examiner and another student being the examinee which is an enjoyable way to learn. Each clinical scenario is broken down into several possible OSCE stations. These stations assess different areas including clinical examination, history taking skills, practical procedures, data interpretation and drug prescribing skills. I particularly like the way each scenario is broken down into sub-sections which assess different clinical domains. Thus, over the course of an hour or so you are able to thoroughly revise a clinical topic and feel confident about your knowledge. In addition, the end of each scenario contains a reflection and consolidation section which is useful to review the core competencies that you have been revising. The book also explains the answers which ensure that you actually understand why you made a mistake!

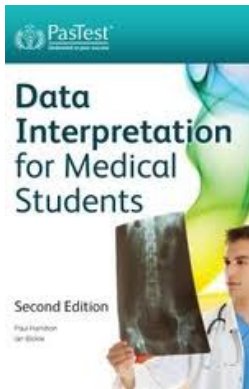
I should note that I felt that the drug prescribing stations and drug prescribing proforma were particularly helpful and have helped reinforce lessons learned on clinical attachments.

Overall I would recommend this text to other students as a useful revision text to improve confidence before the dreaded medical finals OSCE.

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### Data Interpretation for Medical Students [Second Edition]



Review Star Rating:-

Authors:- Paul Hamilton; Ian Bickle

Publisher:- PasTest

Year:- 2012 [first edition 2006]

There is nothing worse than being asked to interpret a blood result or ECG on the ward, staring blankly at it before saying, 'I don't know, sorry!'. This text is an extremely comprehensive source of knowledge to make sure those moments on the wards become less and less! The book is an update to a previous edition to in line with the significant changes to clinical investigations that have occurred over the last 5 years. The authors aim to help medical students enter to real world of work with the background knowledge to be able to order appropriate investigations and to interpret these promptly and correctly.

The book contains 16 chapters incorporating all medical specialties and has a chapter providing some complete clinical cases to act as a practice the newly learned knowledge. Each chapter is well laid-out discussing the medicine behind the clinical investigation result and includes some quick questions/case scenarios to help apply knowledge to clinical practice. It is especially useful that the book includes 'Don't Forget' notes throughout the book to act as reminders of salient points for clinical placements. Finally although this may seem like a minor note, it is extremely useful to have a reference guide for the normal values as some older texts have omitted such important information.....

I would highly recommend this text. All information is provided in an easily digestible format, the book acts an excellent reference guide for clinical write-ups/case reports and provides clear worked examples pertinent to clinical practice.

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