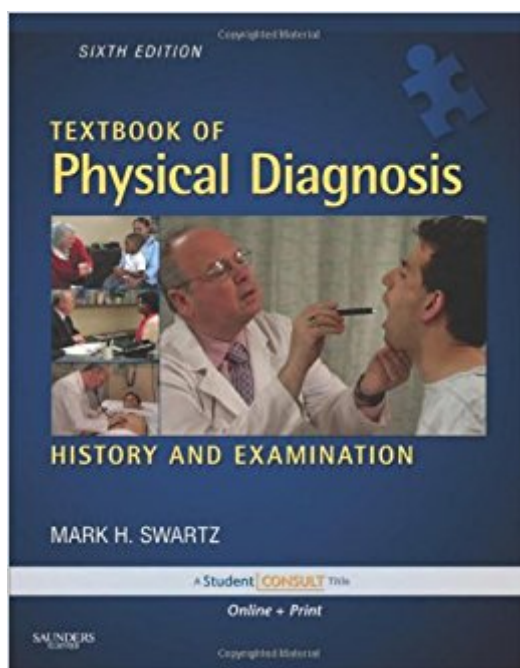


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# Textbook Of Physical Diagnosis: History And Examination, 6th Edition



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Despite the advanced technologies at our disposal today, a complete health history and physical examination remain the most crucial diagnostic tools in any healthcare practitioner's arsenal. And no one teaches these all-important skills better than Mark H. Swartz, MD, FACP. For nearly two decades, Dr. Swartz's textbook has shown readers how to derive the maximum diagnostic information from interviewing and examining patients. Using a compassionate, humanistic approach, Dr. Swartz explores how cultural differences can influence communication, diet, family relationships, and health practices and beliefs, and demonstrates that your interpersonal awareness is just as essential in physical diagnosis as your level of technical skill. In this 6th Edition, a new chapter on the focused physical exam prepares you for the USMLE Step 2 CS and the OSCE. Over 3 hours of video on DVD demonstrate how to examine adult male and female patients as well as pediatric and geriatric patients. Plus you can access the complete contents of the book online at [www.studentconsult.com](http://www.studentconsult.com). Discussions of special considerations emphasize cultural differences that may affect your approach to patients ... guide you through assessment of nutritional status ... and inform you of things to look for and remember when examining children, pregnant women, older patients, and acutely ill patients. Pathophysiology explanations help you understand the causes of the symptoms you encounter. Abundant color photographs capture the real appearance of various diseases. Coverage of complementary and alternative medicine alerts you to the clinical implications of these increasingly popular modalities. An appendix on examination of the Spanish-speaking patient provides translations for commonly used medical phrases and questions is available on [www.studentconsult.com](http://www.studentconsult.com). Over 3 hours of video on DVD demonstrate the complete physical exam of an adult male patient, the breast and pelvic exam of an adult female patient, and the examination of pediatric and geriatric patients. Student Consult access lets you reference the complete contents of the book online, anywhere you go ... perform quick searches ... and add your own notes and bookmarks. A new chapter on the focused physical exam prepares you for the USMLE Step 2 CS and OSCEs.

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Dr. Swartz' book is a must-have for any medical student or resident. It is often difficult to find enough time to learn the physical exam on the wards, and having a detailed book like this to fall back on is essential. Oftentimes, the people teaching you are doing the exam wrong, or are simply not doing it at all. Swartz' book is well-organized, has great pictures, and will walk you through any physical exam step that you want to gain more confidence in. The book is a great read and teaches a lot about pathophysiology and the medical interview as well. You won't regret buying this book!

Together, the text and the accompanying DVD make a very informative review of basic clinical techniques "À l'américain". By reading this book, both foreign national and American IMGs can appreciate clinical and cultural differences when dealing with American patients and colleagues. For older IMGs like myself, this is a good review of what we learned many years ago. I highly recommend it for all physicians and physicians-to-be. Although there were problems with the DVD on my Sony BlueRay DVD Player (some parts wouldn't play correctly), it worked perfectly on my late 2010 Macbook Pro Integrated DVD player.

I am at the end of my FNP program and this book was recommended by my preceptor. I like it a lot better than Bates and I wish I'd known about it when I started my program 3 years ago.

This is a very good book to have if you really want to develop top notch assessment skills. You will find a lot of stuff in here that many doctors and nurse practitioners don't do anymore---not because the skills are obsolete but because they don't have time to do detailed head to to assessments on every patient anymore. But its still good to know how. The pictures and videos are more than worth the price of the book.

Love it. It needs to be updated and other regions of our world that their cultures were not represented should be included.

It has great descriptions on how to perform different maneuvers, even gives you sample questions on how to word properly the awkward questions the Mini Mental requires you to ask. I do not regret buying this amazing book.

Excellent reference book for the healthcare provider performing physical examinations.

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