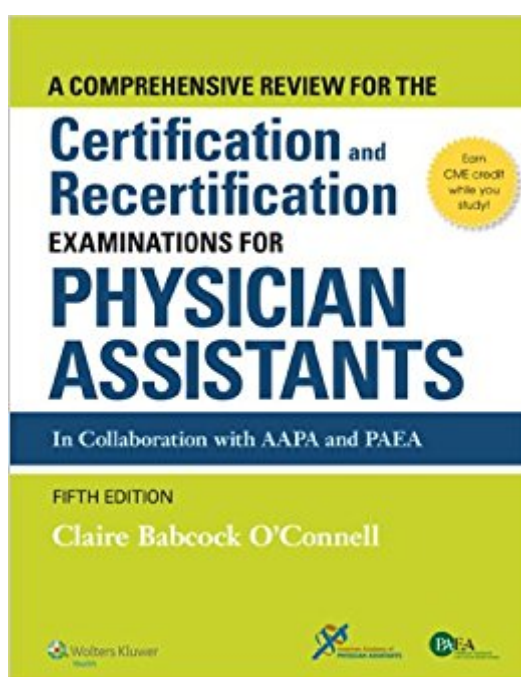


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# A Comprehensive Review For The Certification And Recertification Examinations For Physician Assistants: Theory And Application



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The new, fifth edition of *A Comprehensive Review for the Certification and Recertification Examinations for Physician Assistants* is the foremost trusted preparation resource for the PANCE and PANRE. The text features high-yield outline-format review and pretest and post-test questions based on the blueprint of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Developed and endorsed by the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA), this edition's content reflects up-to-date information and has been reviewed and validated by subject matter experts working in the field.

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## Customer Reviews

Excellent review book for end of rotation exams and for the PANCE. I have not taken the PANCE yet but studying this book improved my Packrat score significantly. It covers the essential information for each system without cumbersome information. The authors get straight to the point in short paragraphs to help you memorize the important concepts broken down by organ systems

and pathology. The book also has tons of pre-test and post-test questions to practice and also has an access code for additional online questions.

giving this a 5 ,, for the following reasons,, 1. I used this book, along the PA review for Dummies prepping for my test,, they offset each other well 2. when you go online you get the full bank of questions (600 I believe), 3. Not a member of the AAPA,, still able to access test and get 20 hours credit "Self Assessment" 4. Bought the book on , saved money, lot less than AAPA website,, plus the self assessment hours 5. The best for last,, initial certification in 1990, the test are getting harder (mine and many others opinion),, well prepared and passed my test!!!!,,10 yrs to the next test,, want tell you how old I'll be,, butttttttt a lot closer to 70 (ouch!!) than 60!!!

I just used this to take the PANRE for the second time. I did not use much else this time around, and focused mainly on cardio and pulmonology and then a few other more heavily weighted topics. I did pay attention to the blueprint to see what was weighted the most. I passed. It was a harder test for me this go around. I don't know if it was because I did not prepare as much as the previous time or if 13 years out of school is having an impact. I should have (and will next time if the test remains in existence in 10 years) used the Emory University CME Review course as well. I think the two would be enough to get anyone through the PANRE. This resource gave good explanations, but the chapters were pretty long for a review. I love that it is small and portable and I was able to use it almost anywhere in the few days leading up to my test. I lost my password to the on-line question bank so I just used the book.

Received book in a timely fashion; book was in excellent condition and was reasonably priced. The book begins with a pretest of 303 questions followed by explanation of correct and incorrect answers. The remainder of the book is broken down into sections for each category on the PANCE (cardiology, dermatology, etc.).

I expected more from this review book. The outline content was bare bones in a lot of the chapters and the material was outdated. For example, it still has the JNC 7 guidelines for treating HTN, even though the JNC 8 guidelines were published in 2014 and this book was published in 2015. I got really tired of reading "treat with appropriate antibiotics" or "antibiotics might be needed for more serious disease" - well which ones? I spent too much time "hunting" for the correct treatment in other books or online because it wasn't listed in this review book. Also while I was looking up other

sources to answer questions, I discovered that recommended treatment for some disorders or diseases had changed and what is listed in this review book is no longer recommended. The pretest and posttest questions were okay, but definitely need to be updated. Example, in one question, it asks which drug increases insulin sensitivity? Of the four possible answers, one of them is "position"...which is the correct answer because it states it is Actos. Actos is pioglitazone, not position. Another question had the answer explanation give incorrect data. It stated that ADA defines DM II with a HGBA1C >6.0%. No, it's 6.5 %. Also it's not really 600 total questions when the same questions word for word with the same answer are used in different areas (both in pretest and posttest). This review book needs to be updated with content that is accurate, reliable and more up to date.

I am a specialty PA with a stressful job, children, etc. I was quite scared and nervous about PANRE because I lack primary care experience and did not have too much free time to study. I used the helpcampus.com PANRE online review program which was awesome and a must do!!!! I also did all the online questions from this book and all the VanRhee questions online. I passed with flying colors. These resources and the grace of God got me through. So thankful and excited!!!

I really like this book because it gives the information in bullet points instead of long winded paragraphs. In contrast, the PANCE Pearls book is more wordy and has some pictures.

I have used this book for all of my re-certification test thus far. Good concise information and the test question are challenging without being unreasonable. My only complaint is that the online questions will not display the ECGs. Very frustrating.

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