

NEW REVIEW -- GUYATT / Users' Guides to the Medical Literature: A Manual for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice, 2nd Edition. McGraw-Hill Companies, 2008, \$44.95.

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[REVIEWER'S EXPERT OPINION]

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****Description****

This is the second edition of an excellent book that provides practical advice about evidence-based medicine to clinicians. The authors have provided new examples for many of the tests, and have significantly improved the organization of the material over the 2002 first edition.

****Purpose****

The purpose is to help clinicians make efficient use of the published literature to guide patient care. Including this information in a single resource, to be integrated with a number of online resources, makes this an important contribution to the field. The advanced material for those interested in covering certain issues in more depth is very helpful.

****Audience****

Practicing clinicians in all specialties are the intended audience. The authors are highly regarded in the field, and have used their experience in teaching these principles to practicing clinicians to improve the usefulness of their book.

****Features****

The book covers all steps in finding and evaluating evidence for clinical care, starting with identifying the problem, defining the question, finding the evidence, evaluating the evidence, and applying it to patient care. The pocket cards are useful summaries of the important information. The sample search strategies will be especially useful to clinicians who do not have much experience with searching online databases. The glossary is well organized.

****Assessment****

This second edition is even better than the original. Information is easier to find and the additional resources that will be available at www.JAMAevidence.com will provide readers with a one-stop source for evidence-based medicine.

Weighted Numerical Score: 98 - 5 Stars!