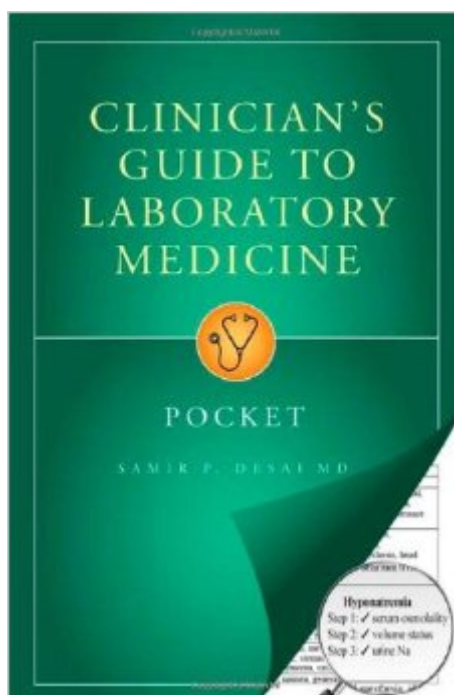


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# Clinician's Guide To Laboratory Medicine: Pocket



## Synopsis

Previously available only as part of the Clinician's Guide to Laboratory Medicine package, the new 3rd edition of the Clinician's Guide to Laboratory Medicine: Pocket is now available alone. Inside, find practical approaches to the interpretation of abnormal lab tests. Includes differential diagnoses, step-by-step approaches, and algorithms, all designed to answer your lab test questions in a flash. This concise, organized guide fits easily in a coat pocket, providing you with the tools necessary to tackle even the most challenging lab tests. See why so many consider it a "must-have" book.

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## Customer Reviews

I am an NP student about to graduate and have purchased this book for my reference library. I wish I had gotten it prior to now. It is excellent! Not only does it have algorithms to follow in for diagnosing, but it also has information about causes of abnormal test results, approaches to care and diagnosis, and basic information to add to your clinical knowledge. I also have Ferri's Best Test; although I like Ferri's, I love this book and find the size (pocket sized) and value of the information invaluable to my practice. Plus, you cannot beat the price. You will not find a cheaper lab book with as much information and usability as this one.

PBL groups are becoming common place at most med schools. As a first year student, I know I was not alone in feeling completely lost when it came to interpreting lab values during these sessions.

This information simply was not taught to us, so we would be forced to Google lab tests to figure out what they were really telling us. A lot of time would be wasted and often the searches led to useless results. Clinician's Guide to Laboratory Medicine: Pocket is an excellent, time-saving and more accurate alternative to this approach. It explains the basics of each laboratory test, the causes of abnormal values (i.e., the differential diagnoses one should consider), and the approach one should take following an abnormal result. It also provides several algorithms in the form of decision trees for assessing abnormal results. I can see this being an extremely useful resource in the years ahead during clerkship rotations and will be recommending this book to classmates. In regards to other reviews that mentioned the font size, yes it is small but it should be a non-issue for the majority of med students with normal or myopic vision. If you're having trouble reading the text in this book, maybe it's time to invest in a good pair of reading glasses.

I was so excited when I came across this book in clinic. It's the concise way to manage all the most common lab tests. Talk about a boss in helping you determine a differential diagnosis. Love it! Would recommend to every medical student/resident.

Yes, the typeface in the book is very small, but the book is excellent. I like the explanations of potential causes for abnormal values and the recommendations for next tests to order for abnormal values. As a new NP I have found this book very helpful in my daily practice. Wish I had had it for my final clinical rotations!

I have purchased a number of similar "pocket" books on various medical subjects, but often find them lacking in content and value compared to the larger texts from which they are drawn - meaning that for anything beyond the basic information they aren't good for much more than a quick reference to point you in the right direction on where to look in the 10 lb textbook version. I was pleasantly surprised to find that was not at all the case here, Dr. Desai has managed to create a pocket sized book that stands on its own without the need for a larger textbook to back it up. I think that it is partially due to the excellent, logical organization that the book gains value disproportionate to its compact size. It is packed with information, but you don't have to search very hard to find anything that you are looking for and it gives enough information to help you connect the dots and do some critical thinking in the context of your patient. I find it especially useful for vaguely abnormal, nonspecific clusters of lab findings as it provides a detailed range of possibilities and pathology for each value that, interpreted together with the larger clinical picture, can help you to

find an easily missed diagnosis or at least figure out what the next set of questions to ask should be. Highly recommended.

This book is a great quick and small resource you can carry with you. It has very useful information and great for a new grad.

I got this book for my program at school and it has been a lifesaver. During my internship and clinical rotations, I took this book with me everywhere. It tells about the different labs and explains the possible reasons why a lab value would be high, why it would be low, and how to get a lab value to increase if it's low, or decrease if it's high. It was one of my favorite books to use for my degree and I plan to use it in my career.

I tried this out as a replacement for Bakerman with my students. Overall, I like this little volume. Unfortunately, it isn't comprehensive enough, so we will probably go back to Bakerman. Too bad. It's much easier to understand and I love the organization. Just wish it had more content.

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