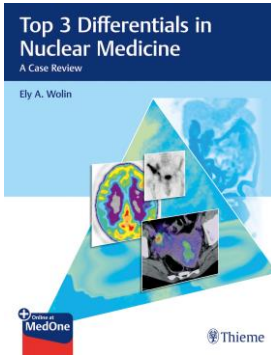


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### REVIEW

*Book reviewed by Dr Colin Todd, consultant radiologist, Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London*

This book is one in the generic *Top 3 Differentials* series published by Thieme. The book is divided into 12 sections, the first eight each covering a specific organ system. The last four sections are more generic covering infection and inflammation, PET and tumour examples, with a final chapter on quality control.

It is a collection of 134 excellent clinical cases. Each case is organised in the same way with a selection of images followed by a short clinical history. The significant finding is described, following which the discussion centres around the top two or most often three differential diagnoses. Helpful pearls of wisdom are placed at the bottom of each section. The majority of the cases fit very well into this format. I was particularly impressed with the two or three references that were given at the bottom of each case as they provide a significant resource for further study and clarification. I think this will become one of the most useful portions of the book, particularly for people who keep it on their shelf as they practise.

As is often the case with modern paper publications there is an e-book associated edition. I, as a confirmed luddite, found this easy to access and in some ways almost as easy to use as the book, particularly in dipping into specific cases. This is a strong selling point.

The quality of the illustrations overall is very good. The book appears extremely comprehensive covering all of the usual oft-performed nuclear medicine studies, together with some that are more historical. The majority of cases are of very high quality. I was slightly surprised to find no mention of technetium SeHCAT studies for bile salt malabsorption but other than this I am not aware of any significant omission.

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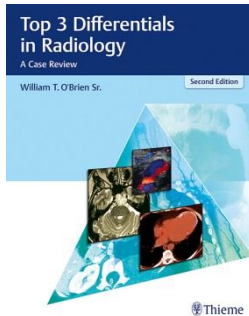
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The last, more general, chapters are extremely helpful. The section on infection and inflammation in particular is a very helpful synopsis.

The final chapter on quality control is a subject that is not often covered. It is undoubtedly worth a read for anybody coming up to examinations.

Although it is not an easy book to read from cover to cover it is excellent to dip into. As mentioned, the electronic version makes this more accessible. Its outline will suit many and I would recommend it to people who are setting out on a career in nuclear medicine, especially if faced with examinations.

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