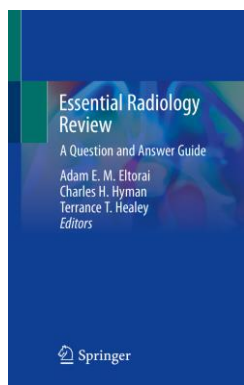


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Book reviewed by Dr Peter Strouhal, consultant radiologist, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

The authors describe this as a rapid-fire Q&A format aimed at medical students and junior level residents and that is exactly what it is. The various chapters divide the speciality both by modality and body parts, with a good flow overall across the wider subject matter.

Chapters in part one of the book cover all the imaging modalities including some physics of each including isotope imaging (and FDG-PETCT), often overlooked by other books. Part two covers the chest including normal anatomy, normal variants and also some excellent details on pathologies and differential diagnoses; the excellent chapters in this part also have sections on various cardiac devices, cardiac CT, cardiac MRI, as well as upper GI tubes. It is by far the most comprehensive section despite not covering chest trauma, which is detailed elsewhere, and comprises over half of the total pages.

Part three covers the abdomen (and in fact pelvis) although the majority of this covers hollow viscera rather than solid viscera; there is less detail about pathology and differential diagnoses in these sections though.

Part four covers 'trauma' including injuries to the chest, major vessels and the abdominal viscera. Part five dovetails with this as it covers the musculoskeletal system generally and also deals with bony trauma; this is the only chapter with sketches or x-ray images, used to illustrate bony fractures in the main, but they are too small to be much help. Part six chapters are about all things neuro, both from normal pathology, more (repeated) information about CT and MRI, and neurological trauma; the detail overall is good with some useful clinical correlates (as in the chest chapter) and each section is concise but covers the essentials.

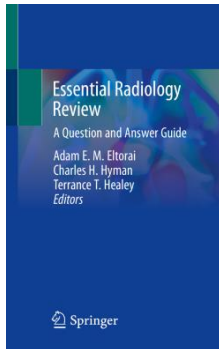
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Paediatrics is afforded its own chapters (part seven) and the pathology covered is very much geared towards those that feature commonly in radiology postgraduate examinations and how to spot them, so may not be comprehensive enough for paediatric subspecialists but is more than sufficient for the 'generalist' radiologist.

The last chapters in part eight disappointingly repeat the physics and basic principles of both ultrasound and MRI, covered in similar detail in part one, and the sections on telling the difference between T1 and T2 and on MRI contrast are unfortunately so simplified as to be misleading – so the inclusion of this is somewhat perplexing.

The rapid-fire format may not be to all tastes but does, however, cover some real gems of information and proves a useful text for bite-sized learning.

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