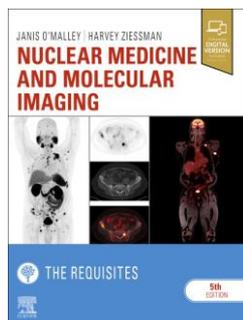


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REVIEW

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This title was first published in 1995 and is now in its fifth edition. The book of 510 pages and 17 chapters includes five chapters covering the basic principles of nuclear medicine and another 12 chapters consider various clinical aspects of nuclear medicine.

I enjoyed reviewing the book very much. Firstly, I appreciated the clarity of style and plain English which flows through all the chapters.

In addition, I liked the boxes and tables that provide a summary of key information. I am sure the 'frequently asked questions' section will be used by many as a revision tool for preparing for examinations, and may even provide inspiration for one or two examination questions for the tired examiner. Finally, I felt that the high quality illustrations had been thoughtfully and carefully chosen to enhance understanding of important points made in the text.

As in any book I found a few annoyances, albeit minor. They were particularly in the PETCT section. By way of example, I got quite excited when my eyes drifted onto a header that included Tc99m PSMA in the section on imaging men with prostate cancer. However, I was bounced back to earth when there was only a very minimal discussion of this radiotracer in the subsequent text. In the same section the authors express a somewhat strident view that the image quality of Ga-68 and F-18 PSMA is superior to that of F-18 fluciclovine and C-11 choline. However, I could find no real justification provided for this.

So, overall, what do I think of the book? The authors aim for a volume that will "provide a compact and authoritative volume on the conceptual factual and interpretative information you need to know for success on exams and in clinical practice." It is a bold and a big claim. However, on balance I think the authors have achieved this challenge, and very successfully too.

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