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Basic Skills in Interpreting Laboratory Data, 5th Edition

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[REVIEWER'S EXPERT OPINION] Michael C Barros, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCACP(Temple University School of Pharmacy)

****Description**** This is the fifth edition of an excellent book on the clinical interpretation of laboratory results and how to apply these results to individual patients.

****Purpose**** Written for pharmacists, the book discusses commonly used laboratory tests for each major organ system and how they are used to correctly screen, diagnose, treat, and monitor response to treatment.

****Audience**** It is written by and intended for pharmacists. Although pharmacy practitioners may benefit from this book, pharmacy students will find this an excellent guide when used as a companion to pharmacotherapeutic textbooks. The authors all participate in medication therapy management as well as the interpretation of various laboratory results to help optimize patient care.

****Features**** The chapters are well organized and divided into three sections, covering concepts such as interpretation of drug concentrations, body systems, and special populations. Each chapter begins with objectives that are discussed throughout. Brief sections describe how laboratory tests relate to normal physiological processes or the pathophysiology of the disease. Patient cases as well as learning points also are provided to reinforce the information discussed. Readers of the previous edition will find some notable changes. The template for the Quickview tablets at the end of the chapter has been simplified for easier interpretation. Abbreviations throughout the book have been consolidated into one list in the beginning, making it easier to find their explanations. Finally, the normal ranges have been standardized to resemble those used in *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*, which helps to reduce variations encountered between this book and others.

****Assessment****

This popular book is an excellent companion to books on therapeutics. Although it doesn't go into detail on assay methodology or medication-related causes of abnormal laboratory data, this is a superb source of information on how laboratory tests are used for diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring response to treatment. The patient cases and the highlighted key points that appear throughout are well written and help reinforce the important concepts.

Weighted Numerical Score: 87 - 3 Stars

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