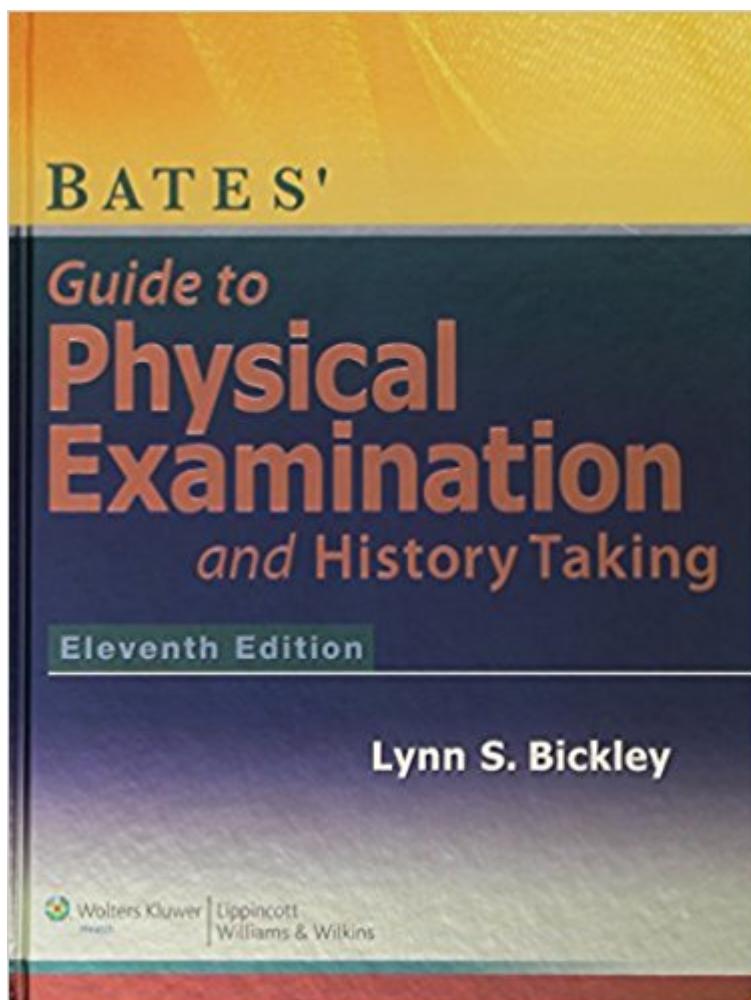


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# **Bates' Guide To Physical Examination And History-Taking - Eleventh Edition**



## Synopsis

The 11th edition of the pre-eminent textbook on physical examination contains foundational content to guide students' approaches to history taking, interviewing, and other core assessment skills, as well as fully illustrated, step-by-step techniques that outline correct performance of physical examination. The book features a vibrant full-color art program and an easy-to-follow two-column format with step-by-step examination techniques on the left and abnormalities with differential diagnoses on the right. The comprehensive, evidence-based content is intended for medical students, high-level nursing education and practice markets, as well as related health professions such as physician assistants. New for this edition:--Content has been fully revised and updated to reflect the most recent health care literature.--More than 200 new and revised photographs and drawings have been added to better illustrate key points in the accompanying text.--Design and layout has been revised to increase discoverability of core material and special assessment tips.--Techniques of interviewing chapter has been reorganized to provide clearer insights into the skills of empathic listening.

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and need that practice (as do many others--badly). This book has so much potential.

This is a good book overall. I've been a RN for 8 years, primarily in acute/intensive care, and have just returned to grad school to be a nurse practitioner. This is the required text for my advanced physical assessment course. I have read every chapter in it and taken the accompanying tests online. The pages themselves are thin. I am a highlighter and the highlighter ink often bleeds through the page, despite me trying to be light handed. There are some definitive editing errors throughout the book. Other reviewers noted this error and I'm surprised to have continued finding them despite the reviews and revisions on the text. It doesn't take away from the context, but it's slightly annoying when you pay big money for textbooks! The next revision needs to update new American Heart and American Diabetes Association guidelines, and it wouldn't hurt to update some of the 90s photos ;) My professor uses the tests from the publisher on Blackboard. The test questions are kind of obscure. Generally it's a 10 or 15 question test; our professor lets us use our textbooks so I can usually find the answers to all the questions but 1. Most I have to look up, others are so simple that I have to read the question twice to make sure I understood what it was asking. Another classmate had the same observations. Overall it's a good text, though, and I know the knowledge I have gained from this text will help me as I advance through my courses and begin clinicals.

I am a master's candidate in nursing and I've been an RN for 20 years. This book was required text for my program, a sort of review of the most up to date examination techniques and is suitable reading for nurse practitioners. If you are getting your initial RN at any level, I absolutely recommend this book---you will pass any assessment/exam question on your board and the techniques detailed in the book will save your patients' lives.

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that makes it easy to follow.

Bates' Guide is now used for physical examination and history taking in our college courses for graduate nursing. This is a paperback book. I had run out of desk copies so I purchased some for faculty. These books are well packaged and they arrive swiftly. Bates' Guide is well known as an excellent resource book for physical examination and history taking.

This book is so helpful! It's a good introduction to common illnesses and I especially love that it has a lot of pictures of the actual illness such as the different kinds of edema, and circulatory problems. It really helps you have an image in your head of what it is and not just a written explanation. It is very well written and put together. It helped me understand how certain problems develop and how to approach a patient in every situation and what to ask in order to get a complete history and get the most out of my time with my patients. It is a bit pricey, but it is totally worth it! It's one of those books that I will not sell and keep for my own reference.

I love this text and I refer to it often throughout NP school but I wish it had more information on documenting abnormal physical exam findings for multiple diagnoses. Please make a book that goes over common abnormal physical exam findings and how to document for multiple diagnoses! Thanks!

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