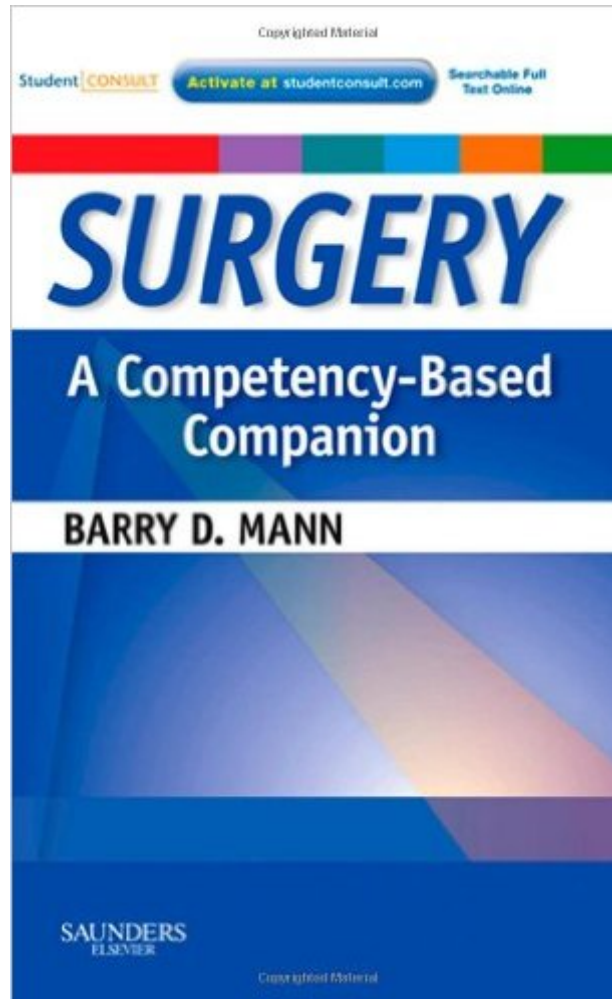


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# Surgery: A Competency-Based Companion



## Synopsis

Designed to teach you to think like an experienced clinician, this unique resource places as much value on process as it does on content. A case-based organization hones in on the must-know differential diagnoses of the common surgical presentations. Its convenient pocket-sized format enables you to review the material on the go, and online access via Student Consult enhances your study of the material and exponentially boosts your reference power. Provides high-yield core information essential to surgical rotations in a portable, pocket-sized format. Uses a color-coded system that places the core surgical information in a framework of the ACGME Core Competencies. Offers self-assessment activities throughout to promote retention and application of knowledge, including access on line to your own competency-based portfolio tools and competency-specific learning modules (Vertical Reads). Features ACGME Core Competencies enabling you to integrate evidence based medicine, continual self-assessment, and cognizance of interpersonal skills into your daily routine. Includes features such as "Speaking Intelligently"; and "Clinical Thinking"; in each chapter to help you see the "big picture."; Organizes the most common and must-know surgical signs/symptoms and disorders by presentation, making reference simple. Presents "Teaching Visuals"; an interactive teaching device designed to reinforce visual concepts. Equips you to perform a more in-depth review of surgical topics with "Clinical Entities"; that are referenced to top surgical references. Includes access to Student Consult at [www.studentconsult.com](http://www.studentconsult.com), where you'll find the complete text and illustrations of the book online, fully searchable • "Integration Links" to bonus content in other Student Consult titles • M&M form • Self-Assessment Competency Log • Professors Pearls that provide cases with questions and annotated answers • Vertical Reads • and much more!

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Surgery; a Competency Based Companion is a valuable learning tool for all medical students. This text, unlike other surgery study guides, is organized in a chief complaint-based manner. Students are able to look up a specific chief complaint and learn different diagnoses to consider during their evaluation of a patient. Surgery; a Competency Based Companion goes a step further with a helpful color-coding system that assists students in separating the "zebras" from the "horses," and in prioritizing each differential diagnosis. For every diagnosis included, the book gives an informative synopsis that provides an excellent review of the subject at hand. Each section is succinct yet in depth enough to afford students a complete picture about a patient they might actually be seeing or admitting, and includes tips on how to speak intelligently with colleagues regarding each chief complaint. I also appreciate that the text is extremely patient centered. For example, under the section discussing bariatric surgeries, the text spells out for the student how to explain certain procedures to their patients. It goes so far as to outline figures that will not only help the patient understand their diagnosis and anticipated procedure, but also enhance the medical student's understanding. Different sections of the text have information about professionalism and interpersonal and communication skills relating to certain patient presentations. I also appreciate the last section of the book entitled "Operations." In this section, there are descriptions of different surgery procedures in a quick glance manner.

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