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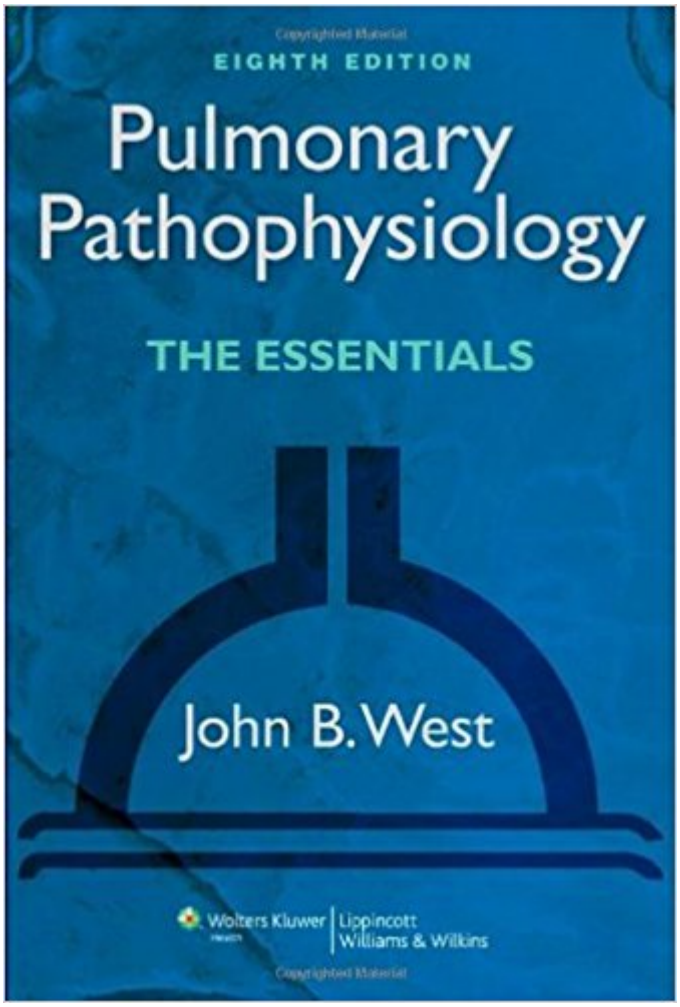

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Synopsis

This companion monograph to West’s Respiratory Physiology covers normal respiratory function and focuses on the function of the diseased lung. Pulmonary Pathophysiology: The Essentials offers a concise overview of the diseased states of the lung, emphasizing structure and function. The Eighth Edition is updatedÂ to include new information on asthma therapies, new radiographs and micrographs, extended sections on infections and cancer, more thorough explanations for review questions, and a new summary appendix of equations with sample calculations.

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It’s important to understand the objective of this text. It’s firmly rooted in pathophysiology, the physical mechanisms that underlie disease processes, with a heavy emphasis on pulmonary function testing. West discusses these mechanisms in a much greater depth than you will find in a general pathology text (e.g., Robbins & Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease: With STUDENT CONSULT Online Access, 8e (Robbins Pathology)). However, don’t expect much in the way of general pathology. There are literally two pages in the entire book devoted to infectious diseases, and only 1.5 regarding lung cancer. Why? Because pulmonary function testing isn’t particularly important in diagnosing or following these patients, and their pathophysiological explanations are relatively simple. If you want a better idea of what is covered, take a look at the table of contents.The text is well written and easy to understand. However, I feel that the audience that will

benefit from reading West's book is pretty small. I read this book as a 2nd year medical school to supplement my study of respiratory diseases. It turned out to be a waste of time, as the topics covered are relatively low-yield for medical school and board examinations. The questions at the end of each chapter are advertised as being in the USMLE format, but the only similarity is that they are multiple choice. Most are first-order checks on reading comprehension, rather than the second- and third-order tests of critical thinking found on the the real medical boards.

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