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Lippincott's Microcards: Microbiology Flash Cards



Synopsis

This best-selling microbiology deck is now more up-to-date and high-yield than ever. Each card features a microorganism on the front and details its clinical presentation, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment on the back. Full-color clinical photos, schematics, and algorithms allow you to test yourself, identify pathogens, classify organisms, and prepare for end-of-course exams and the USMLE Step 1. Use study time effectively with this flash card deck! Full-color photomicrographs and schematics depict the morphology of pathogens, structural features, and clinical findings. Recall format keeps your review lively and quick maximizing study time. Algorithms on each card classify organisms for easy memorization. PLUS: Take your study on the road! This deck includes online access to 70 bonus USMLE-style Q&A.

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These have a lot of information on them, and I would not consider these flashcards in the sense of being used for rapid memorization and rapid turnover for quizzing yourself. I bought these to study for Step 1, and started using them about 3 months before my exam. At first I casually perused them at my leisure, relearning micro many months after taking the class. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND BUYING THIS FOR YOUR MICRO CLASS, PRIOR TO BOARDS STUDYING. these cards are very clearly laid out and provide a pretty thorough understanding of each bug. I was overwhelmed by the way material was presented in my micro class, and these would have made it much easier. That being said, I am finding them very useful for step 1 studying as well and incorporate them in my

daily study plan.

My Background - 1st year medical student 3wk microbiology/immunology class
Content - These are great because there's a lot of content, but not so great because... there is a lot of content haha. I do enjoy having these exceptionally thorough cards because I am *sure* I will not have time to consistently make my own extensive flashcards or notes during this 3 week block/class/theme... It's simply information overload for such a short period of time. Like science on crack. Anyway, I digress. Each organism (or virus) has an image and a clinical case on the front. The back of the cards have the clinical representation, pathobiology, Dx, treatment, quick facts, and "study tips". My nuances are 1) they could have punched holes in these and provided a ring or at least organized the content on the cards in a way that users could have punched a hole in each card themselves. -These are easy to lose. 2) a table of contents would have been lovely. Yes, I know there is an index in the back, but a table of content would have just made my life easier. ULTIMATELY... I know I stated a lot of positive things above... but... if you have difficulty paying attention these cards are not for you. It's TOO much info on a single card and it always felt overwhelming studying them. I used them for some of the gram positives, then I was just like FI and used another resource. I mean micro is rough no matter regardless of the resource, but these cards just brought that brutality & misery to life. I'd look at this stack of 150-200 cards and think 'damn... I'm supposed to learn alllllll of that in the next 2 weeks' and then I'd become a little anxious lol. Scenario: professor A has 100 slides each with minimal info that goes big picture to little picture vs professor B that has 15 jam packed slides - no bullets, font size 12 (on a PPT slide). If you prefer professor A's organization do not utilize these. I ended up using Picmonic for the bulk of the material and cards for the material that was not covered. I'll update this if I decide to use these to study during step 1. I figure by then it won't be as intimidating.

I'm in my first year of dental school and I am taking microbiology now and these cards are doing wonders for me. They really help supplement the lecture material and drill in what to look for in case study questions. They are great for reviewing before the exam as they have all the information I need on one card. So far all the organisms covered are here in these cards.

These cards have been very helpful in my Step 1 preparation. They really only cover the important pathogens, pretty much in line with what First Aid covers. They're nicely organized, with a road map before each group - a card containing a flow chart with all the RNA viruses before the actual RNA

virus cards, for example. They have a clinical vignette on one side with a picture, usually an animation of what you would see on culture. Better description of the bug, associated disease(s), treatment, etc. on the back. Overall I really like these.

These flashcards may seem a bit expensive but with clinical microbiology made ridiculously simple and these cards, you will probably do well in your micro course. Plus the little vignette on these cards are classic!!

These cards has a very good run-down of the different organisms encountered in clinical microbiology. They are detailed enough to understand but not too detailed to cause confusion. They must be supplemented with a textbook because just the cards alone are not enough to learn about the particular organism. I would like to mention that the flowcharts included on some of the organism cards are very good to show how to determine between 2 organisms and what tests are involved.

So, memorizing all those stuff from Micro can be pretty tough for some people- mainly, me! But these cards are SO high-yield, it's ridiculous. It also gives you the classic case on the other side of the card. MUST HAVE!!!! Really helped me pull up my grade in Micro and focus my attention for the Step 1

These are a life saver especially in the last week of studying for the boards. Very well summarizes the microbes and the hints on the side are always helpful.

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