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**Patrick R. Murray, Ken Rosenthal : Review of Medical Microbiology, 1e** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Review of Medical Microbiology, 1e:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not a good resource for medical studentsBy HomerWrightIf you are in medical school, then this review applies to you. The questions in this book are repetitive and not challenging. The questions are generally single-step, whereas boards style questions are two- or three-step. At my medical school, our exams were also two- or three step- questions. The clinical scenarios and patient presentations are not very well written. I went through this entire book while studying for microbiology, and then luckily someone recommended Kaplan Qbank for USMLE Step I - and these questions were much more challenging, demanded a more thorough understanding of the material than the level of comprehension required for this book. I was very successful in my medical school exams in general because I used Qbanks. The good news is that if you are reading this review then you have realized that you should be doing practice questions in order to prepare for medical school exams and board exams. Use either UWorld or Kaplan Qbank for your exam and board preparations and you will be much better off.1

of 1 people found the following review helpful. Overall good, but lacking in some areas. By ESI got this book for some extra microbiology questions in preparation for Step 1. I am using it in conjunction with First AID. Overall I think the book is very good at giving board-style questions (long stems, secondary/tertiary questions) when it comes to bacteriology and virology, but definitely lacks in the mycology and parasitology sections. The questions in the mycology and parasitology sections almost seem too straight forward, testing basic knowledge of the material. In addition, there are only 30-50 questions in each of those areas compared to hundreds in bacteriology and 100+ in virology. Also, if you plan on studying microbiology by system, you might find the layout of questions annoying. It's more of a grab-bag review book and is better approached if you study by infectious organism since that's how the chapters are broken up. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good, and detailed but...too much. By nervouswreck I think the worse part is you cannot go by systems and I thought it was unnecessarily detailed. I am glad I did not go through the whole book. It would have been too much info for nothing. I did just fine on the test with First Aid Micro section. If you want to score a 99.. disregard my advice and go all out.

The perfect tool for course review and exam preparation! This brand-new resource is a companion to Dr. Murray's best-selling *Medical Microbiology*, 5th Edition. It features more than 550 USMLE-style questions, with answers and rationales that examine bacteriology, virology, mycology, and parasitology. Like its parent text, this review guide focuses on how microbes cause disease in humans and emphasizes facts vital to clinical practice. Readers will find the latest knowledge and advances in the field ... page references to the 5th Edition ... and full-color illustrations. Makes an excellent study tool for the microbiology portion of the USMLE Step 1 exam. Presents questions in the USMLE style to familiarize readers with the exam format. Includes correct answers for every questions, plus rationales that explain why those answers are correct. Features page references to the main text for each answer, making more information easy to find. Integrates 70 color illustrations that demonstrate complex concepts and the appearance of disease. Considers etiology, epidemiology, host defenses, identification, diagnosis, prevention, and control for a broad range of pathogens.

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