BOOK REVIEW

Title: **MANUAL OF CLINICAL PROBLEMS IN SURGERY WITH ANNOTATED KEY REFERENCES**
Authors: Bruce S. Cutler, MD, Thomas, F. Dodson, MD, Wayne E. Silva, MD and Thomas J. Vander Salm, MD
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This excellent manual has been written by members of the Surgical Teaching Staff of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and is a concise, clinically orientated review of a wide range of selected topics in General, Vascular and Cardio-thoracic surgery.

Each chapter reviews a clinical problem, giving appropriate scientific background information and an excellent list of Key references, each with a concise summary of the article. The text does not include any illustrations but each chapter is concise with clear type and the reader's interest is maintained. The chapter headings are clear and there is a good index. The book is 450 pages long.

I enjoyed reading this book. The subjects chosen are relevant and include many areas of controversy such as the management of blunt and penetrating abdominal injuries, breast cancer and asymptomatic vascular pathology. The style of writing is consistent, giving a balanced review with personal comments from each of the authors. The text does not cover operative surgery.

The under-graduate or surgical post-graduate looking for an inexpensive, pocket-sized manual to assist in their preparation for examinations will find this publication excellent value. The established surgeon and general practitioner will find the summary of problems presented stimulating. In addition, the excellent range of references will facilitate detailed background reading in each topic.

I can recommend this manual.

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