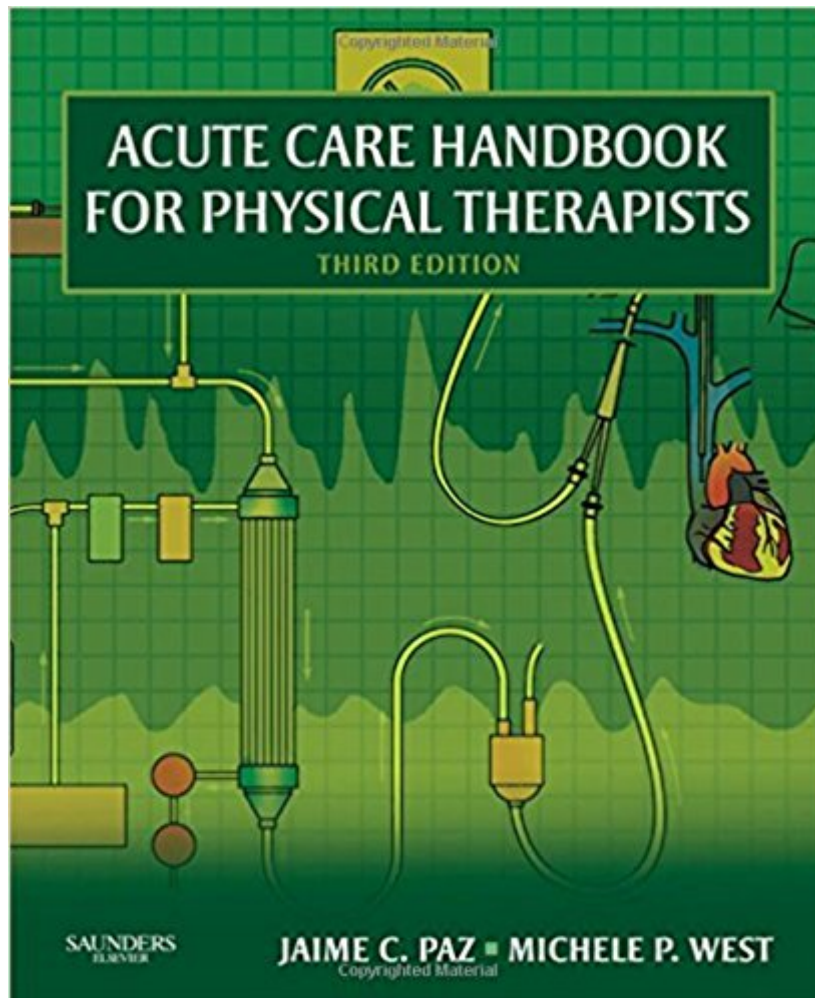




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# Acute Care Handbook For Physical Therapists, 3e



## Synopsis

Familiarize yourself with the acute care environment and confidently develop patient rehabilitation plans with this essential guide to physical therapy practice in a clinical setting. *Acute Care Handbook for Physical Therapists, Third Edition* helps you understand and interpret hospital protocol, medical terminology, and the medical–surgical aspects of acute care. Each chapter focuses on a body system and includes a review of basic structure and function, an overview of a medical–surgical workup, a review of pathophysiology, information on pharmacology, and guidelines for physical therapy intervention. This edition features a larger, slimmer design that highlights clinical tips, decision-making aids, and practice patterns throughout the text so that you can easily locate these tools and apply them to your practice. If you are unfamiliar with the complex acute care environment, this comprehensive resource is just what you need to become more comfortable and better able to manage the specific needs of your patients. Review of body system basics and disease processes in each chapter provides concise information to help you better manage patients in a hospital setting. Familiarizes you with the acute care environment by explaining medical terminology, hospital protocol, and surgical workups. Includes updated information on medications, laboratory and diagnostic tests, and surgical and invasive procedures pertinent to physical therapy practice. Clinical tips throughout the text show you how to maximize safety, quality, and efficiency of care. Over 350 illustrations, tables, and boxed text highlight essential concepts and procedures for quick reference. Uses terminology consistent with the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, Second Edition*. Focuses on evidence-based practice to help you determine the best interventions including recent literature regarding rehabilitation in the critical care setting. NEW! Pertinent practice patterns from the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, Second Edition* are included in each chapter. NEW! Additional illustrations to improve comprehension of the material. NEW! More pharmacologic implications for physical therapists, specifically concerning side effects and use of combination drugs. NEW! Additional decision-making algorithms facilitate critical thinking in the clinical setting. NEW! Updated surgical and invasive procedures include minimally invasive orthopedic surgery, bariatric procedures, and complete insight into circulatory assist devices. NEW! Expanded neurological chapter including vestibular dysfunction tests and measures, a discussion of dementia, and the latest in stroke evaluation and management. NEW! Revised appendices discuss the latest concepts in documentation standards, palliative care, and patient safety. NEW! Slimmer, larger format allows the book to lie open for easier reading. NEW! Improved design highlighting clinical tips and other key features lets you locate important information quickly in a busy clinical setting.

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Jaime Paz and Michele Panik have put together a comprehensive reference for the physical therapist in the acute care setting. The chapters are divided into systems. The first few pages of each chapter describe the organ system, primary functions, and other related aspects. Subsequent pages detail pathophysiology, associated tests, normal values of tests and physical therapy considerations. Clinical tips are included throughout each chapter for easy reference. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Mr. Jaime C Paz, MS, PT; and Michele P West, MS, PT --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Congratulations to the authors of this valuable reference text! The Acute Care Handbook is, first of all, anything but a "handbook" in the traditional sense. It is lengthy and detailed, qualities which would make a more leisure-oriented read a sure bet for the bedside table. But, this useful book is not for dozing through. Rather, it makes for much easier quick searches or in-depth reviews of most topics critical to effective acute care physical therapists.

always love to work with acute care patient so it is very useful book.

Good easy to use handbook for the acute care setting. Needs more pictures to enhance its usefulness but overall a nice reference.

So so

all you need

Good resource. Worth the money and an easy read. I strongly recommend it for a new grad or a seasoned veteran.

The book is organized and well put together. It is a great book for physical therapy students and the information is easy to read and tables reinforce the reading. There are also clinical tip boxes that help pull the information together after different topics are presented. The only downfall that I have come across is that the book is a soft cover and my edges of the book have already started to crinkle due to being carried in a book bag around campus.

I have many different books on this topic. All of these book lack organization and conciseness. The edition previous to this one was my favorite until I lend it to a colleague. Then I purchased this book. To my surprise, the book is well organized so much that I was able to read through most of the book in a couple of sittings. The appendices are well though out and appropriately placed. I recommend this book for any PT beginning a career in acute care and for PTs currently in acute care that need a reference book.

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