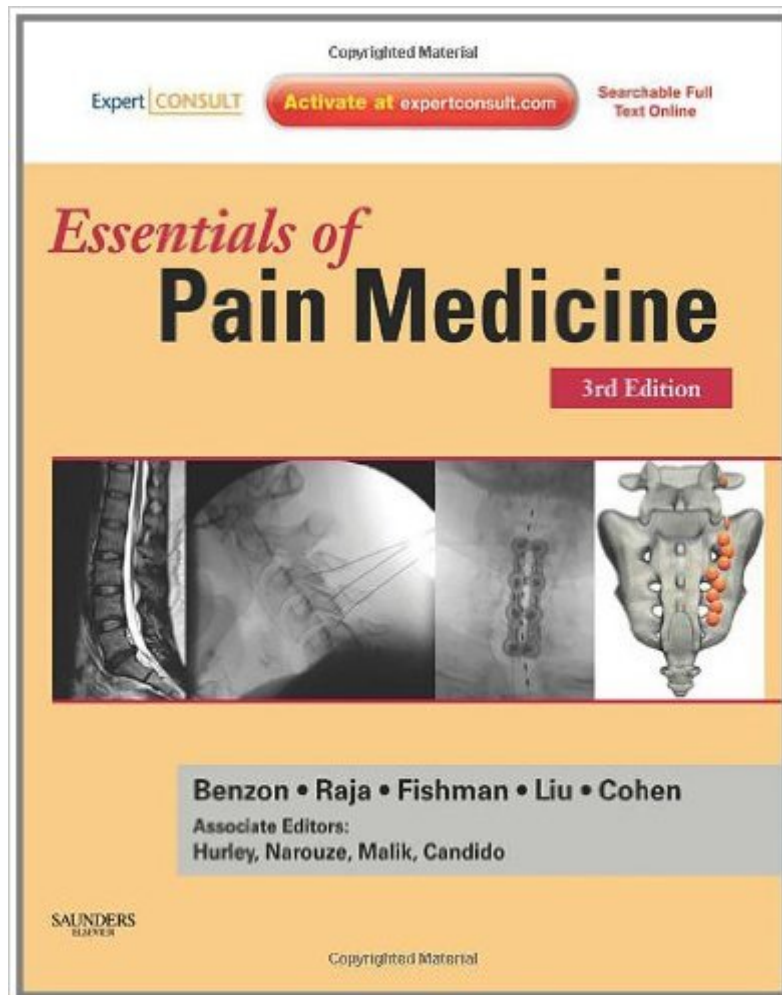


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# Essentials Of Pain Medicine, 3e



## Synopsis

This third edition of *Essentials of Pain Medicine* offers an accessible and concise, yet complete, overview of today's theory and practice of pain medicine and regional anesthesia. From a review of basic considerations through local anesthetics and nerve block techniques, this book provides the reader with an excellent tool for exam review or practice of Pain Management. Organized in a concise, practical quick-reference format. All chapters are brief and easy to read quickly. Offers specific strategies for the evaluation and management of a full range of pain syndromes, including cancer pain. Features over 230 diagrams, illustrations, summary charts and tables that clarify the information and make it easy to apply. Discusses the latest drugs and therapeutic approaches, such as acupuncture. Presents the management of pain for every setting where it is practiced, including the emergency room, the critical care unit, and the pain clinic. Includes new topics such as: imaging in pain medicine, radiation safety, issues associated with the use of narcotics, intraarticular and intraperitoneal use of opioids, pain management in the emergency room and in the intensive care unit, pain management issues during pregnancy, geriatric pain, and hospice care and end-of-life issues. New chapters on interventional procedures include discography, intradiscal electrothermal coagulation (IDET), vertebroplasty, and piriformis injections. Truncal blocks and neuraxial blocks and anticoagulants are added to the section on nerve blocks. With 89 additional contributing experts.

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i read this cover to cover. then i took the pain board recert 10/11. i passed in 1993 then 2003 so it was time again.i think i passed the exam. not all of the questions on the exam were in this book.it was a good review that i read in about 40 hours.the title says "essentials" and if you compare it with Bonica it really is a summary as opposed to Bonica which is much more comprehensive (and is about five times bigger).i think the definitive pain medicine review book for the boards has yet to be written.this book is up to date, does a better job than the #2 edition, so maybe it will work for you.

I'm Board Certified in Pain Medicine & will be taking the ABA Recertification test later this year. This book is an excellent & enjoyable up to date review of the subject. When I initially took the ABA test 9 years ago, there was no core text that was anywhere near as good. I actually read a good part of the then current Bonica text to prepare for the exam in addition to doing different banks of questions. This book, as many reviewers have noted, is really the best cover to cover read in our field. Personally, I do not like the current edition of Bonica as much as the previous one, as it loses sight of the forest for the trees in many of the subjects covered, which I didn't feel was the case previously. This book, on the other hand, is a good balance between giving an overview of each subject with an appropriate amount of details. This book is an excellent text book as well as a review for the ABA test. It will also be useful for lecture preparation. For ABA test candidates, I would recommend this book together with PainExam.com & the Dannemiller Certification Coach on-line at [...]

Concise and well-written overview of pain medicine. This book is improved over the previous edition which I liked a lot as well. Not written as a board review book, but its content is appropriate for looking up content and concepts for study. I used this book a great deal in studying for the ABA Pain Medicine boards. This book is in my opinion equivalent in scope to pain medicine as Basics of Anesthesia: Expert Consult - Online and Print, 6e (Expert Consult Title: Online + Print) is to anesthesiology. This text also has a section on regional anesthetic techniques which is useful for a pain management anesthesiologist.

Noone deserves 5 stars but this one is a gem, and is closer to 5 than a 4 alright. If you wanted to fake being a doctor of pain medicine and had no training, this is definitely the book you would want. This, plus a good atlas of injection techniques for fluoro, and another for US would get you started. Pretty easy to understand, to the point, covers a lot of subjects. Or, if you were in family practice or IM, and wanted to learn enough to talk to the local pain doc, maybe show him or her up a little, this

book would be your key. However, it does cover quite a number of topics that are not reimbursable - I guess that is good as I believe in some of them, like discography in certain situations, or pulse RF - but some clarification that the approaches are for practical purposes tough to do in reality would be a help. Didn't agree with some of the statements / ideas. However, I've been doing pain since '90, and on reading the book I find a bunch of knowledge that I was not aware of before. It is only a couple of years or so to the next edition, most likely. However, unless you know all there is to know about pain, I'd buy this book anyway.

Excellent book on the subject of pain! I purchased this for my husband who is a physician. I didn't read it myself but I can tell you he was extremely impressed with the wealth of information in this book. He says, it's very well written and applied a lot of it to his practice. 5 stars!!

Not a comprehensive textbook. Good review, can be used as a reference book. Overall - good impression. Not biased, with objective data.

Excellent book. Easy to read. Lots of information per page and good information. Much better than several of the voluminous textbooks that are out there that most hard-working clinicians will never read.

I am a Nurse Practitioner in the pain clinic setting. My supervising physician had this book from her residency days and I borrowed hers. I thought it was an easy read with a great layout. I ordered mine....and was very disappointed when I received it because I realized this one has paper pages...like newspaper quality! I am a note taker and highlighter reader! You cannot do that on this book! All pens and highlighters bleed through....even those that specifically designed for "won't bleed through pages"....it's almost as if these pages soak the ink in. Very disappointed.

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