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Basic Medical Laboratory Techniques, Norma Walters, Barbara Estridge and Anna Reynolds. **Delmar** Publishers, Inc. Albany, NY, 1986, 412 pp.

Basic Medical Laboratory Techniques presents a competency based approach to learning the knowledge and skills needed to perform basic medical laboratory techniques. The text can be used to train prospective teachers, students at the secondary and postsecondary levels, and students in specific health care training programs such as Medical Assisting or Medical Laboratory Technician. The book also may be used as a resource in laboratories.

The book is divided into six units: Introduction to the Medical Laboratory, Basic Hematology, Advanced Hematology, Introduction to Serology, Urinalysis, and Introduction to Bacteriology. Each unit contains several lessons with a total of 42 in the book. Illustrations of equipment, diagrams of skills, tables of normal values, and worksheets are included.

The only criticism of the book is the paperback cover. The book can be used by the students in the classroom and laboratory, thus, it may not withstand the continuous handling unless placed in a hard cover binder.

Strengths of the book include: lesson objectives and glossary, student activities, student performance guides, and questions to evaluate knowledge of objectives which allows for group or individual instruction. An instructor's guide with lesson plans, tests and transparencies is also available.

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