Exploring Medical Language: A Student-Directed Approach

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Book Reviews

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Exploring Medical Language provides a very detailed introduction to the world of medical terminology. Preceding the text is a 31 page color atlas of human anatomy. The text includes 16 chapters. An introductory chapter is followed by a chapter devoted to each body system and also includes the topics of obstetrics and neonatology.

Strong points of the text are chapter objectives and exercises. Chapter objectives are individually addressed with explanation of content, then with exercises reinforcing the objective. The exercises consist of completion and matching techniques to reinforce the objectives and the student is referred back to the figures in the color atlas for identification throughout the exercise. Information boxes in each chapter describing the origins of medical word parts help make the text especially interesting. At the conclusion of each chapter there are answers to the exercises and a summary of the chapter. The text would be helpful for all students enrolled in health occupations at the secondary or postsecondary level. The information can be learned through independent or group study.

The Instructor’s Manual to Accompany Exploring Medical Terminology is helpful as it provides a course outline and suggested activities. Evaluation materials for each unit are included also.

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