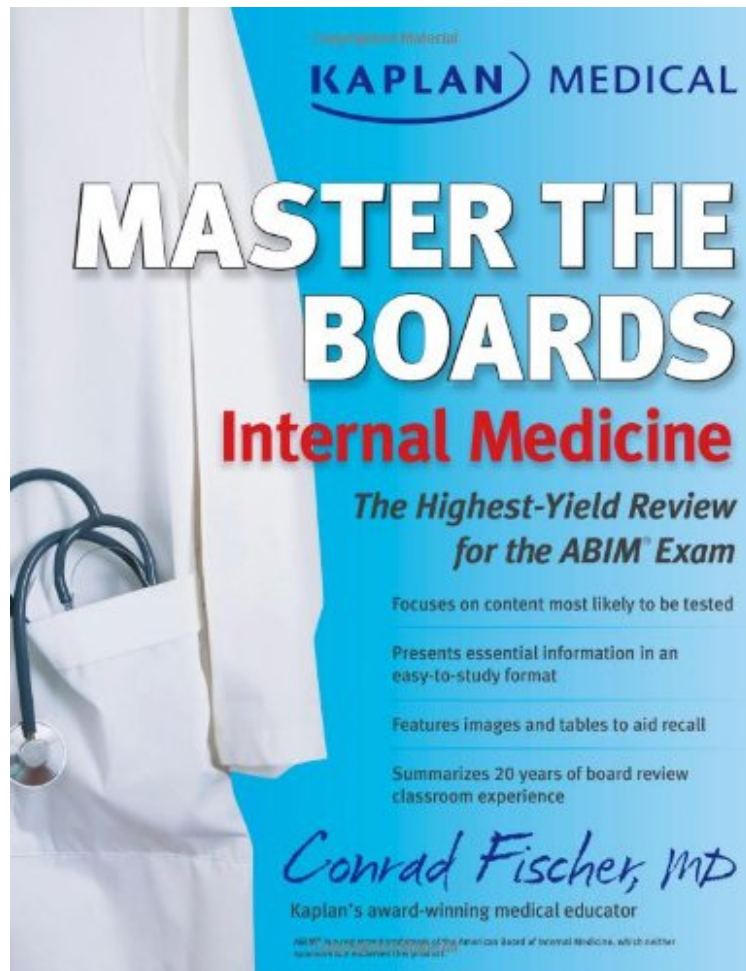


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Best review book I've ever usedBy Super-ElasticHere's my ABIM history:Early 90's: My impression is that the ABIM exam was a great exam back then, very highly relevant. In my opinion, it had yet to be corrupted by the highly abused grandfathering process and the exorbitant pay now given to those in charge. I used the first edition of MedStudy, which I absolutely loved. It was highly condensed and written by a single author. However, the best preparation back then was simply completing an IM residency. As I went through the exam, I could tick off almost every question and say to myself, "Oh, that's Mr. Smith, that's Ms. Jones, etc." It's my recollection that there were few tricks to the exam back then and there was no vindictively humiliating security, career-destroying lawsuits, or dubious maintenance of certification issues like there are today.Early 2000's: My recollection of my first recertification exam is that the questions were a bit random and that its clinical relevance was on the

decline. I purchased MedStudy but found that it had grown way too big and disliked its multi-author format, which tended to have redundant yet uneven coverage. I actually ended up using FrontRunners to prepare and it seemed to be adequate. Early 2010's: For my second recertification exam, I never would have thought that in my 50's I would still be putting my medicine career on the line by taking make-it-or-break-it exams. Wow, what can I say? My impression is that the exam is almost totally random, irrelevant to clinical practice, full of tricks, and at times seems to be deliberately irritating and mocking in tone. I'm sorry I cannot tell you why I believe this, but I had to sign something like 4 or 5 documents swearing that I would never divulge the contents. The ABIM seems to mean it--very, very nasty in my opinion. If they're trying to alienate a generation of internists, then they are succeeding. But I guess that is what happens when some of the members of the Board haven't themselves condescended to take the exam they administer in close to half a century. End of my rant. I have only great things to say about this book. It was a truly enjoyable read and I felt that I learned a lot. The author has a nice way of summarizing and integrating topics. I found that there were things that had always been a little fuzzy to me that I now finally understand. Do be warned, there is a lot on the exam that is not covered by this book. However, I also read through parts or most of MedStudy, FrontRunners, Board Basics 3, FirstAid, and some older books now no longer in print, and this book misses few topics that those books don't also miss. (I used MKSAP the first time around, but thought it was too costly, too long, and ultimately irrelevant and haven't bothered with it since.) None of those other books were very enjoyable nor nearly as insightful as "Master the Boards." Bottom line is that I believe that the current iteration of the recertification exam is just a terrible, poorly written, anti-intellectual, gawdawful test. It's being given to the wrong people and there's no good way to prepare for it--not MOC and certainly not by being a practicing physician devoted to scholarship. You're better off studying than not preparing at all (though probably only marginally so) and if you have to do it, then, in my opinion, this book is the least painful and most educational way to go. There were just a few topics where I felt I was more knowledgeable than the author and, as is almost always the case in such circumstances, I did find that there were a few over-simplifications or, rarely, inaccuracies. The book could also use a more comprehensive index; as I was reading there were things I wanted to check but I had a hard time finding them again.

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. I'm a little disappointed. By Shadow I have used Dr Fischer's books for both USMLE step 2 and 3 and I loved his approach to Internal Medicine topics. I also had the opportunity to go to his Kaplan courses for Step 2. I was thrilled to find this book a few months ago as I was starting to prepare to take the IM boards this year. I'm slightly disappointed in this book as it has multiple errors, which in another subject matter may not be that detrimental. I also feel that a lot of important details have been left out of this book. Nevertheless, I am continuing to use it, because up to now, I have not been disappointed by his materials, having scored really well in the last 2 tests. I will update this review after I take the test and have my result. Good luck to all of you!!

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. What's the difference between different books from Conrad Fischer? By p53 There is almost no difference between the Internal Medicine part of "Kaplan Medical USMLE Master the Boards Step 2 CK" and the Internal Medicine part of "Kaplan Medical USMLE Master the Boards Step 3". I bought those 2 books for the IM parts, written by Conrad Fischer, and in both books all other chapters, written by the different authors, are very bad indeed (except the good Psychiatry chapter in "Kaplan Medical USMLE Master the Boards Step 2 CK"). Now, do I need to buy "Kaplan Medical Master the Boards Internal Medicine" also? In other words, is there any significant difference between the IM parts of those 2 books and the content of this book?-----Update: I bought "Kaplan Medical Master the Boards Internal Medicine" and now I can say that this book is a bit different from its USMLE siblings - some chapters are slightly more advanced and contain some additional details, but some high-yield information is lost - for example, TTP and HUS aren't presented in hematology chapter. Also, unlike those 2 books, this title has only black-and-white illustrations. I'll write more substantial review as soon as I finish my reading.

For more than 20 years, Conrad Fischer and Kaplan Medical has helped thousands of students and doctors successfully prepare for the USMLE and board exams. Kaplan Medical Master the Boards: Internal Medicine familiarizes students with key words, concepts, and diagnoses on the challenging board exam. The test's most important concepts are outlined and explained by a top-ranked Kaplan Medical instructor. Designed both for first-time test takers and those seeking recertification, this book organizes study prep by disease. Each chapter features words that help students recognize a problem diagnostically, the associations with related problems, the next steps in management, the best initial and most accurate diagnostic tests, the best initial and most effective therapy, and long-term problems. Basic science and statistics that are imperative to a doctor's general knowledge, but not directly related to the Boards, are organized in sidebars.

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