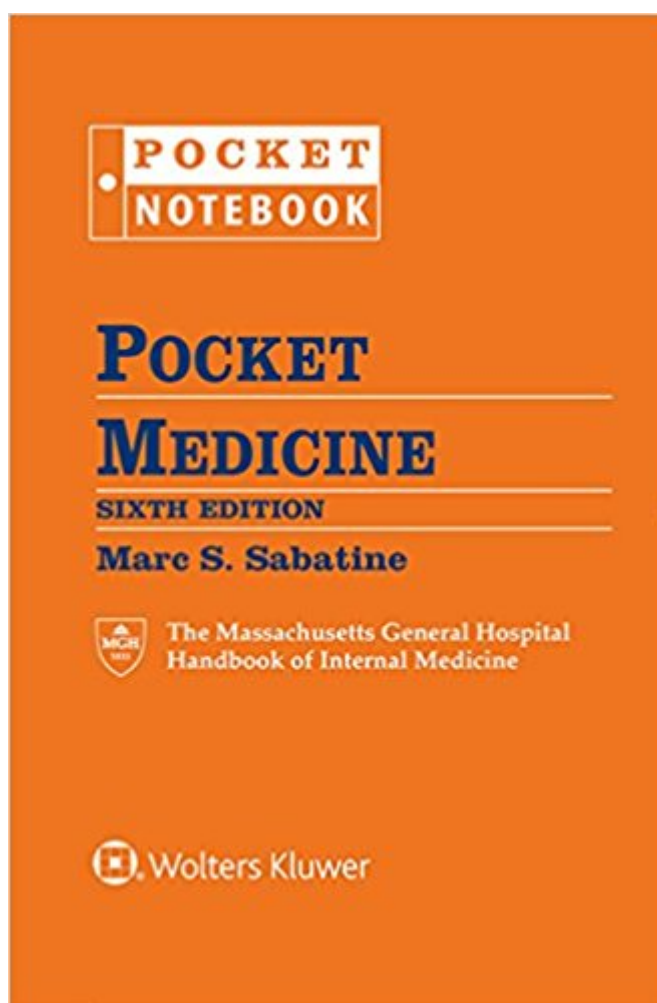


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reading a different language sometimes. Also, sometimes the guidance is not that flushed out. As you get more and more accustomed throughout residency, it becomes better and better. As such, I'd recommend complementing it with a couple other must-haves:1) UCSF Hospitalist Handbook - the info is a bit more practical and step-by-step than Pocket Medicine. It's a great complement or alternative (you can get the iPhone/Android version for cheaper through AgileMD). Because it gives way more tangible, practical diagnostic and management steps than the Red/Green book, all my residents would be super surprised at how much more "mature" and "relevant" my diagnostic and management plans were in my presentations. They thought I was a genius and further along than most of my classmates...(and I wasn't too keen on letting them know where most of that genius was coming from :)2) Sanford Guide (microbio) - this is really the best book for any microbio you'll need on the wards. You'll look like you actually paid attention during microbio with this book. The type is very small and the paper quality sucks. can be a bit slow to navigate through. You can look stuff up by organism or condition, and it has a spectrum of bacteria sensitive to each antibiotic.3) Tarascons (pharm) - It is far and away the fastest way to get your hands on dosage, forms available, and pricing data. I can't tell you how much of a superstar you'll look like if you actually are talking about dosing as a medical student. This is not something any med students are familiar with. That alone makes this book worth it. Color tabs have made it easier to navigate through. Some of the older drugs are gone. The tables are awesome.4) Download medscape for general reference questions here n' there. Personally, I like it more than epocrates...and it's free.5) +/- Maxwells...quickly becomes unnecessary but nice to have in the beginning when you're just learning the ropes and need refreshers on some of the stuff you learned back in 2nd year.6) Netflix- for call-nights and unwinding when you actually get a day off! True Detective is a phenomenal series.

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