

Review of *Radiation Oncology Study Guide*

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There are a number of multidisciplinary radiation oncology textbooks available. They vary from large comprehensive books to pocket-size reference manuals. One underrepresented area is study guides. These guides, which present information in question-and-answer format, not only help with general learning but also assist those who are preparing for board examinations.

The *Radiation Oncology Study Guide* edited by Drs. Ord, Hansen, and Thomas is a new and valuable addition. It is well written, easy to understand, and organized by specific disease sites. These include the CNS, skin, head and neck, lung, mediastinal tumors, breast, upper and lower GI, GU, GYN, hematological, sarcomas, and pediatrics. There are over 1,000 multiple choice questions which are both challenging and

informative. The most valuable and novel aspect of the book is the detailed answers and rationales. In general, each answer is one paragraph and includes one or two key references. This format helps “close the loop” and provides additional opportunities to learn about the subject.

The Study Guide is an invaluable resource for board preparation. It also is a wonderful learning tool for those who enjoy learning by the question-and-answer method. Many radiation oncology teaching conferences use the Socratic teaching method, and a quick review of the relevant chapter will serve you well. How I wish I had this resource 30 years ago!

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