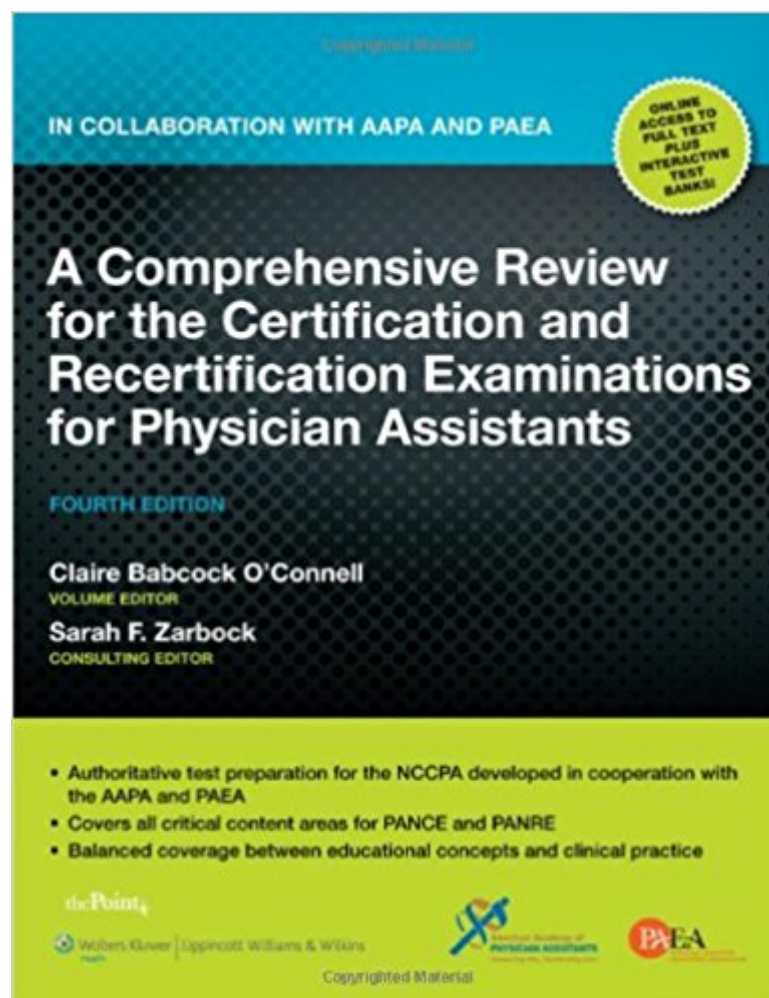




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# A Comprehensive Review For The Certification And Recertification Examinations For Physician Assistants: In Collaboration With AAPA And PAEA





## Synopsis

This exam review book has been developed and endorsed by the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA). This new Fourth Edition features "high-yield" outline format review and pre- and post-test questions based on the blueprint drafted by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). The text provides balanced coverage between educational concepts and clinical practice. A companion website features fully searchable text and a question bank offering a total of 600 pre- and post-test questions. The 300 pretest questions also appear in the book.

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## Customer Reviews

So as someone who just took the PANCE 2 weeks ago and just found out I passed I feel like can give a good review of this book. This book does cover the majority of the topic list put out by NCCPA. There will be a few lacking topics you have to find elsewhere, but I would say 95% of the topics are discussed. With that in mind I would say the topics reviewed are very lacking in substance. A disease topic could be discussed in less than 4 lines. Now while that might be sufficient for some disease, others are seriously lacking. If you think this book will tell you all you need to pass the PANCE you are mistaken. I would say it provides a gloss overview, but does not explain all that is needed for the depth of questions the PANCE asks. To give you example, Treatment for a Hordeolum says "topical antibiotics." Anyone who has taken a PACKRAT or the PAEA Rotation exams knows "antibiotics" is rarely ever the answer. This book will give vague

answers like this throughout. At the same time while this book gives vague answers or descriptions, it does offer a few points of info you wouldn't find else where and I actually was able to answer a few questions on the PANCE from reading this book. Pros: 1) Covers ~95% of all topics on the NCCPA list 2) Does offer some good points and additional info to supplement your other sources Cons: 1) Vague descriptions and answers to diseases. 2) Lacks depth needed to answer PANCE questions. For PANCE studying, I mainly used Step Up to Medicine (3rd ed) with this book as a supplement. I would not recommend anyone using this book as their sole source. While this book can give you a general overview answers like "antibiotics" leaves you wondering. With this in mind, my friend bought the new 5th edition and said it was much better. I have yet to look through it, but he said that the vague answers given are somewhat corrected so it might be better as a main source. For anyone using this though, I highly recommend you another source as your primary and this as secondary.

PANRE has grown big ugly teeth and if you don't want the pain and expense of retaking exam, know this book! I used two other books to study from, took the NCCPA (don't waste your money as this is no reflection of the actual test) practice exam and failed soundly. This is the word from the salt mines as the transition to the new 10 year cycle begins. I realized early into the test that I was not passing so I was prepared for it but I do have some dismay with how dry this info is presented and how much nonsense not applicable to day to day practice one must learn to stay certified.

I think you sort of have to buy this book. It is clear, succinct, and extremely helpful. As someone who has spent the last 6 years working in 3 different specialties, I was very nervous about taking the PANRE and bought 3 different books thinking the more books I had, the more I would learn, which looking back, I would say was not necessary. Get this one and one more (may I recommend the Auth book??) and you will be good. There were categories such as the cardiology and the kidney chapter where this book wasn't enough, and you need a second book to remind you of the fine points (I would like to forget that you exist, acid-base disorders, and oh, let's say we also forget the entire sector of cardiology while we're at it). But overall, this book was the cornerstone of my studying, and I passed the PANRE with flying colors. Here's to another 6 years :)

I found the chapters in this Comprehensive Review by O'Connell and Zarbock easy to read, and an old friend from my PANCE six years ago. The chapters touched on the basics, and were written with the Content Blueprint in mind; while they did not touch on every detail, they brought back to mind

many facts I had stored away and did not realize I knew. There is also a code for online access to a test bank of questions, and you can spend hours practicing exam-style questions, with explanations of each question's answer and reasoning. As others have pointed out, this guide, while comprehensive, does not cover the types of questions that are currently populating the PANRE. I think this guide is best suited for a general review, rather than an exam-simulation experience.

Don't be surprised when you find yourself wondering what the heck is wrong with your practice or memory for that matter when you use the online bank of test questions...It often has wrong answers to questions with opposite reasoning for why the correct answer was incorrect. Also for being a recent publication I'm surprised to find practice recommendations that are not current or evidence based. Not sure if there are better books, but use this one with caution.

The book in prior editions was excellent for preparing me for my recert exams (have done 4 times now). However the new comprehensive testing NCCPA has adopted leaves this text far behind for prep. I am well read, have years of clinical experience, and have taught in a PA program in the past. Even with my studies, the only way to pass the test is to take an expensive review course and take their myriad of medical trivia sample tests derived from "typical" test questions. This book does not do it any longer. Sad the NCCPA has taken the direction they have.

I used this book almost exclusively to study for boards, and passed with plenty of room to spare. All the information given is pertinent, and the test answers explain not only why the answers are correct, but also why the other answers are wrong. This book contains appropriate information delivered at the appropriate difficulty level. Highly recommend!

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