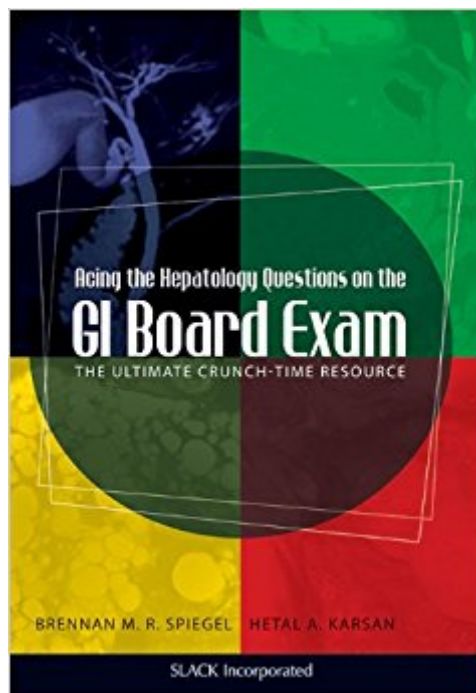




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# Acing The Hepatology Questions On The GI Board Exam: The Ultimate Crunch-Time Resource



## Synopsis

Hepatology is an expanding field – it's hard to keep up. The liver has been sitting there the whole time, but the knowledge surrounding this perplexing organ is exploding; this makes it hard to prepare for board and recertification exams, where 1 in every 4 questions pertains to hepatology. Until now, there has been no single, slim, but high-yield volume that summarizes the hepatology you need to know for the boards. This book has it nailed. The authors have collected every pearl of wisdom, high-yield factlet, liver "board buzzword," hepatic micrograph, and classic liver imaging study they could muster, all while keeping the book a manageable size – because who has time for more than manageable when you're busy? The answer to your study questions (and study time!) can be found inside: *Acing the Hepatology Questions on the GI Board Exam: The Ultimate Crunch-Time Resource*. Traditional textbooks usually feature long and detailed discussions that are not directly related to Board and recertification exams. On the flip side, many Board review manuals provide lists and bullet points lacking sufficient background and context. Inside *Acing the Hepatology Questions on the GI Board Exam*, Drs. Brennan Spiegel and Hetal Karsan present time-tested and high-yield information in a rational, useful, and contextually appealing format.

**Why You Will Need to Read *Acing the Hepatology Questions on the GI Board Exam*:**

- Focuses exclusively on Hepatology review – an area that comprises 25% of the Board exam
- Carefully vetted board-style vignettes with color images
- Comprehensive yet succinct answers using a high-yield format
- Emphasis on key clinical pearls and "board buzzwords"
- Answers to classic board "threshold values" questions that you need to know but always seem to forget: If an echinococcal liver cyst exceeds XX cm, then the risk of rupture is clinically significant and surgery is warranted
- Rapid fire crunch-time exam with 135 classic one-liners such as: Spider web collaterals + caudate lobe hypertrophy = Diagnosis
- Stepwise fever + temperature-pulse dissociation + rose spots + hepatitis = Diagnosis
- With its focus on pearl after pearl, emphasis on images, and attention to high-yield "tough stuff" vignettes you don't know the answers to (yet), *Acing the Hepatology Questions on the GI Board Exam* is truly the ultimate crunch-time resource for acing often vexing liver section of the examination, taking recertifying examinations, looking good on clerkship rounds, or for just challenging yourself with interesting and entertaining vignettes.

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“The clinical vignettes are succinct and followed by answers and explanations which provide not only the correct diagnosis, but also expand the understanding of other pertinent issues which should be considered with similar patients. Other helpful features are the illustrations and figures, which provide a visual aid to clarify key points and reinforce the concept being addressed. This book is a succinct, readable text that can help hepatologists and gastroenterologists prepare for and pass their board exam.”  
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-Mark Yoffe, MD, The Medical Media Review

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Pros:- excellent high yield book- great explanations- clinically relevant discussions- entire series is excellent  
Cons:- None! was searching for a good book to hit the key point of hepatology. This book knocked it out of the park. It identified high yield topics that are on tests and also identified common clinical scenarios making this an essential tool. If you have to read anything in your fellowship or for studying for boards this should be it. I loved this book so much I purchased the whole series including the IBD book and the General GI book, which are both excellent.

I bought this last minute and was a quick read before boards. I have no idea how much this actually helped as I felt none of the questions referred directly to the difficult cases, nevertheless it gets you thinking about the different process and how to treat

Excellent companion to "Acing the GI board exam" - covered liver in much more detail. Was helpful.

Easy to read. Hi yield. Loved the whole series. helped me to pass my boards

I was concerned about studying hepatology for the boards as I just didn't feel that my training program was strong in that area, and I found my in-service scores reflected that. I had been reading the original "Acing" book and found it very engaging, so I jumped at this when I saw it was available, and I'm glad I did. As with the other book, this is NOT a comprehensive review, and you will NOT be studying hepatology in general by reading this book. The book clearly explains its purpose -- consider it a supplement to help you remember those "obscure" bits that pop up on exams. You're not going to get a deep understanding of disease processes, but you WILL learn to quickly recognize diseases. Most people will have their own overall study plan (i.e. reading through Steinberg or using some other comprehensive review), and the "Acing" books are a perfect supplement. They're not long reads, and more importantly, they're genuinely, honestly fun to read. I tore through each book in a matter of days and found myself referring back to them frequently as I used other study materials. They remind me of a popular book from way back in Med School, "Micro Made Ridiculously Simple" in that the writing is very engaging and the vignettes really stick in your head. I gave the product 4 stars only because it's not quite as good as the original "Acing." Not every part of this book is probably as essential (assuming your program had better hepatology training than mine), but they did a nice job of avoiding overlap, so both books are recommended. Overall, keep in mind that these are not comprehensive review books, but they are EXCELLENT

supplements and give a huge return for the relatively small amount of time/effort to read through them.

As a veteran of taking the GI Boards (20 years Board Certified, so this is my third time around) I can say without hesitation this book along with the first "Acing the GI Boards" are the best Board review books I have read (and I have read them all!). They are concise, include only the pertinent information and present the data in the manner one will find it on the boards : Symptom based, rather than category based. Without a doubt the best bang for the buck and more importantly: the most efficient use of time. You'd be crazy to take the GI Boards without reading these two books.

Good review of variety of cases

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