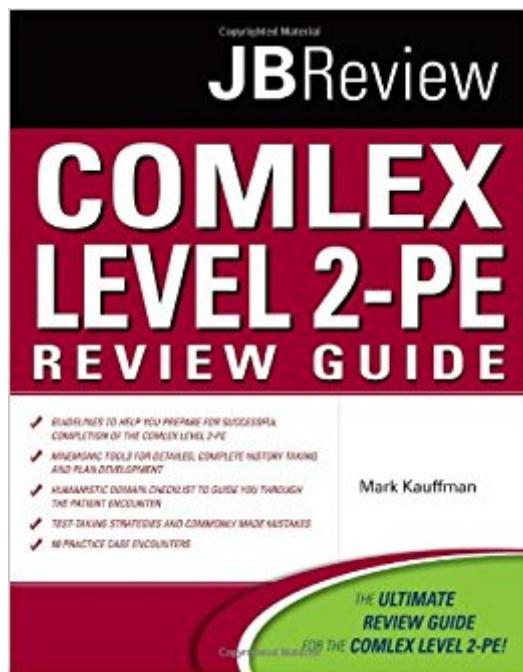


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# COMPLEX Level 2-PE Review Guide (Jbreview)



## Synopsis

COMLEX Level 2-PE Review Guide is a comprehensive overview for osteopathic medical students preparing for the COMLEX Level 2-PE (Performance Evaluation) examination. COMLEX Level 2-PE Review Guide covers the components of History and Physical Examination found on the COMLEX Level 2-PE. The components of history taking, expected problem specific physical exam based on the chief complaint, incorporation of osteopathic manipulation, instruction on how to develop a differential diagnosis, components of the therapeutic plan, components of the expected humanistic evaluation and documentation guidelines. The final chapter includes case examples providing practice scenarios that allow the students to practice the cases typically encountered on the COMLEX Level 2-PE. These practice cases reduce the stress of the student by allowing them to experience the time constraints encountered during the COMLEX Level 2-PE. This text is a one-of-a-kind resource as the leading COMLEX Level 2-PE board review book.

- Offers practical suggestions and mnemonics to trigger student memory allowing for completeness of historical data collection.
- Provides a method of approach that reduces memorization but allows fluidity of the interview and exam process.
- Organizes the approach to patient interview and examination and provides structure to plan development. Describes the humanistic domain for student understanding of the areas being evaluated.

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## Customer Reviews

I thought this book was REALLY helpful with quick cases and remembering how to do a truly focused exam. I just took my PE (with typed SOAP notes) and I felt really prepared. This book has very good mnemonics which I thought were a lot better than the ones I had been using throughout medical school. I actually wish I had purchased this book in the beginning--during my pre-clinical years--to practice for my school's OSCEs and practice SP encounters. Overall, I highly recommend it if you need some brushing up. FAST read and good practice. Since the note is typed now...I practiced by reading the cases and typing up a

For those of you who wonder how they grade test takers, this book has it. This test is a big waste of money and time. It's just another way to for the AOA to make \$\$\$, but you have to pass it anyway. When I was a student, I had no idea what criteria they used to pass students. This book has it. You will not find the criteria online. Instead, you always hear vague "criteria" on what people think they did to pass. Just buy this book. You'll wont regret. I had the mistake of relying on the USMLE CS and that didn't help for COMPLEX PE.

On par with what several other reviewers stated, I flipped through this book a couple of days prior to my arrival in Philly (mainly on the flight up there). I did not spend a whole lot of time on the cases themselves. However the preparatory information was great and I believe this book did a wonderful job in outlining the requirements for the physical exam. These suggestions and tips truly were helpful and made the PE much smoother experience. Despite this book shortcomings, I highly recommend it! And I wish you future DO's "good luck"

Awesome book. I read this book in its entirety on the plane to Conshohocken, PA for my COMPLEX PE. It had everything I needed (besides a few pertinent osteopathic treatments I reviewed from another book). I passed and it was the main resource I used!

This book is decent. Pros: good systematic method of approaching the encounters. Mnemonics are easy to remember and make sense. The strategies it continually goes over do come together to make a sound cohesive method to the encounter. The humanistic domain & history taking chapters are solid. The complaints in the simulated cases are a lot of 'most commons' and probably more likely to show up on your PE. The cases include a blank soap note so you can practice writing them out. Cons: I expected some OMM suggestions for complaints and there are none. I figured that if the book is aimed at the osteopathic exam then it would have a little more osteopathic emphasis. Not

much in the simulated cases as far as ideas for differential/plan.I think the First Aid book is better - includes differentials and plans/workup on top of what this book offers. Use Savarese and/or Nicholas & Nicholas for the Osteopathic stuff.

I used this to prep for PE in June 2013 - I hear SOAP notes have changed from handwritten to typed, but I believe this will still be very helpful.Pleny of tips for patient interactions, organized history taking and development of differential diagnosis, algorithms for writing SOAP note as well as plenty of cases to review - works best to review with another person.

This book came highly recommended from upperclassmen and professors at my school for the purpose of preparing for the COMLEX 2 -PE. The first part of the book talks about general tips on preparing for the exam, like how to write the SOAP note, making sure you don't break any of the exam rules, and how the exam is structured. The second part of the book, and the more useful part, consists of fifty practice cases you can use to run through clinical scenarios with a friend or classmate. One thing I would like to say is that this book was published quite awhile ago. As such, I would refer to the NBOME website for information on the logistics, price, and structure of the exam--this book isn't for that purpose. However, the fifty cases are great. I've met with classmates on several occasions and we have taken turns playing patient and physician. They are good cases for discussion and practice, as we've talked about how we would manage certain cases or scenarios. The one weakness in this book is that it doesn't tell you much about OMT and what techniques would be appropriate for each case other than not to use HVLA (HVLA is expressly prohibited on the exam). It would be nice if for the sinusitis case, for example, they listed a few lymphatic techniques you could use. Or for the shoulder pain scenario, they could have listed Spencer technique or scapulothoracic BLT as appropriate techniques. I would suggest supplementing this with the book "First Aid for the COMLEX" to identify OMT techniques that would be useful for the commonly encountered scenarios. However, this book is awesome for practice and I was pleased with this purchase.

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