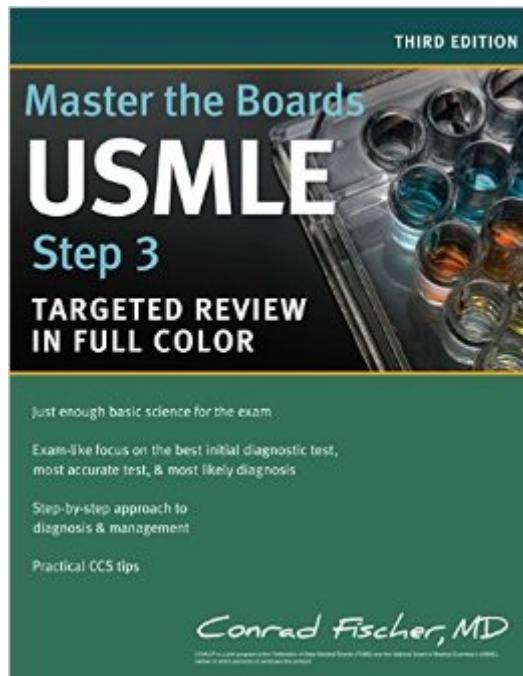


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# Master The Boards USMLE Step 3



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## **Customer Reviews**

Just received the book and read the ID chapter. So, the only difference, I can see, between this 3rd edition and the 2nd edition is the addition of Basic Science information, which is displayed in purple boxes under the topics where it is relevant. From scanning through the rest of the chapters, it seems like ID has the most amount of new basic science information, with other chapters having their fair share of new tid-bits added as well. Now, how helpful and useful the basic science information is, I won't know until the questions are started, but for the most part, the information looks as high yield as possible without going overboard reviewing ALL your step 1 stuff. Another thing to keep in mind is that the "new" Step 3 exam is only adding about of 3-5% of basic sciences, so I don't think it can

really make or break your score, and since for most of us, a passing score is enough, I think the 2nd edition of this book plus a qbank would suffice as well. Other than that, all the other information seems unchanged. I will update this periodically as I keep using it in conjunction with a Qbank and see how useful the updated information is. Best of luck Studying! \*\*\*UPDATE 12/6/2014\*\*\* Surprised there is no basic science added to the Emergency Medicine/Toxicology section. I started a qbank today and from the questions I got from EM/Tox, I figured there should be information on the MOA of some of the toxicities, like for example in Acetaminophen toxicity, glutathione is needed to inactivate the toxic metabolite NAPQI, or how n-acetyl-cysteine acts as a glutathione substrate to help inactivate NAPQI... and same can be said about any of the other toxicities listed in the section which I thought were pretty commonly seen and tested. Maybe they're not as important for the exam??? Not sure but thought I'd point it out.

If you have MTB 2nd edition, you don't need to buy this book. At first glance, the "new" content for the exam change is minimal. The only other change is the 9 pages worth of corrections from the previous edition. Also, the authors didn't even bother to update the examination structure in the introduction. According to the FSMB website, the examination structure has been changed and can be viewed here [https://www.fsmb.org/Media/Default/PDF/USMLE/USMLEStep3\\_2014\\_BOI.pdf](https://www.fsmb.org/Media/Default/PDF/USMLE/USMLEStep3_2014_BOI.pdf). While it may seem to be only a minor oversight, for a book that harps on being "the first to address the new exam," it failed miserably at its basic core. Even with the occasional basic science correlate in every section, I don't feel that this is enough to make me ready for the new exam questions. From what I understand and have seen in qbanks, the majority of the new material on the exam is mostly related to epidemiology and biostatistics, neither of which I have seen touched upon yet in this book. That being said, the book itself is and always has been a great asset for step 3 and I highly recommend it. I appreciate Dr. Fischer and his team for providing us with this invaluable targeted review. It may seem overly critical to dock 2 stars based upon my own higher expectations, but the way the new book and videos were marketed I couldn't not have them.

This is too shallow for the exam, now we find lots of new info on the exam such as prevention, risk factors and outcome predictors, which this book doesn't cover. Step 2 CK and Step 3 are based on algorithms, at least for internal medicine which has no algorithms. The new basic sciences are comments that you must have known to get this far and take this exam. The new Patient Safety and Quality Improvement facts are as well too basic and shallow, there are no mention to root cause analysis, adverse events, sentinel events which are main themes in PSQI. Amazingly there's no

epidemiology or statistics section which is a big deal for this exam. We need better sources to take the restructured exams and unfortunately this book is one of the few resources we have, maybe was worth it years ago when exams were "easier" but no doesn't meet the expectations I had. I don't want to sound disrespectful but the Internal Medicine section needs an urgent thorough review by board certified people, some parts seems to be written by mediocre med school students, with lay language and non-standard cut-offs values for decision making. We cannot just say "severe cases must be treated with this..." when no definition of severe cases are in the book, the questions will challenge you to decide whether this is severe enough or not, that's why I preferred to use this as a notebook to write on top of every disease what will help me to answer questions. I hope you find this comments useful and made you choose wisely about other resources and don't expect this book to be the panacea.

I've gone half way through the book and must say that this is an easy read. The book is very similar to MTB for Step 2 which I had read many times while I was preparing for my Step 2 exam. I have not had any issues with this book yet, and I plan to update my review once I've gone through it in full.

If this is the only book you need then you are ready to take the exam! As a non-medicine resident, I found this book useless. I ended up using it to write notes from Uworld. There is no section on Biostats which is huge in the exam. It is very bare bones and several topics are not covered. The organization of subject material is quite haphazard. I found it to be an utter waste of money. It is understood that a qbank is needed but a print text which is complete is very helpful and this book is not that. I am giving it 2 stars because it is not what it promised to be - You cannot Master the boards with it.

ok i heard a lot about the book and most of my friends recommended it for step 3 , well this is the latest edition and it should be up to date but unfortunately the information in it is outdated , they didn't bother themselves to change the guidelines that were issued in 2013 ok and worse even guidelines in 2008 in some diseases were not added and they kept the 2002 guidelines !!!!! waste of money don't recommend it at all for step 3

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