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- \* New or greatly expanded coverage of genetic testing, sexuality, learning disabilities, preventive health, infertility, pregnancy and childbirth, substance abuse, home caregiving, and first aid

- \* A host of new and updated features-including full-color spreads on important health topics, Q&A sections, first-person case histories, and newly designed symptoms flowcharts

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staying safe and preventing violence, cosmetic surgery, and preventive health care

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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

Medical "bibles" go out of date quickly. Diseases don't change, but our understanding of them does. So a new volume of a standard guide for the nonphysician is certainly welcome. What's perhaps most gratifying about this updated reference is that, based on new understanding of how much regular people can do to keep body and mind whole, it advises readers to take an active approach. For those already suffering a particular medical condition—and the book covers a great deal of territory, from blood to heart to brain diseases—this volume will serve as a source of real understanding. Armed with the basics, patients may be less embarrassed to ask more of their physicians or surgeons. The authors acknowledge the benefits of yoga and meditation (which they call the relaxation response) and offer a rundown of homeopathic medicine. Other new additions include expanded coverage of genetic testing, learning disabilities, ADD and stem cell transplants. The authors discuss sexually transmitted diseases, sexual orientation, contraception and abortion with forthrightness. Self-help charts that will supposedly lead readers from symptom to diagnosis are a kind of maze game and will keep hypochondriacs busy for hours. This is a well-organized volume, considering the amount of information it covers. By educating patients, the book may be as much a help to physicians as it is to their charges. Photos, illus.

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## **Review**

\* "...a very nice update". (*Library Journal*, October 1, 2004)

Diet, exercise, heart disease, cancer, stress reduction—these are among the key health issues facing contemporary American families. These issues and more are the centerpiece of the first revision in a decade of the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FAMILY MEDICAL GUIDE (Wiley; September 10, 2004; Cloth/\$45.00). Selling more than 2 million copies since it was first published twenty years ago, the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FAMILY MEDICAL GUIDE has established itself as the gold standard of family health references. With more than 90% new material, 50% more pages, thousands of illustrations, and 64 pages of full color, the new 4th Edition reflects the enormous advances in medical care over the past decade.

"Everyday, Americans hear news of the latest medical study or another medical breakthrough," writes Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA and Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Medical Association in the Foreword to this new edition. "These scientific advances, along with the latest techniques for diagnosing and treating diseases, are helping us live longer and in better health than ever before. With this all-new, completely revised fourth edition of our best-selling AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FAMILY MEDICAL GUIDE, you have the tools you need to make sense of this abundance of information, enabling you to take charge of your health and health-care needs and make informed medical decisions." Organized into six major categories, the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FAMILY MEDICAL GUIDE puts a wealth of information on health and disease directly into your home, including:

**Part One: What You Should Know: Information to Keep You Healthy:** This all-new, full-color section highlights current key health issues such as preventive data on nutrition, exercise, weight, and stress reduction, as well as cutting-edge information about cancer treatments and genetics. You'll find a body mass index (BMI) chart, vitamin-mineral charts, and screening tests with recommendations for different sexes and ages.

**Part Two: Your Healthy Body:** Provides up-to-the-minute specifics on preventive medicine. Why eating a

healthy diet, exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy weight, reducing stress, and getting sufficient sleep have a profound effect on your health. This section concludes with a 32-page full-color section containing an Atlas of the Body (a handy reference for locating bones, muscles and other parts of the body), Visual Aids to Diagnosis (photos of sores, rashes and other recognizable signs and symptoms, with brief descriptions of conditions to which they might be linked), and Diagnostic Imaging Techniques (the different types of procedures your doctor might recommend, such as ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging, how each test is done, and which disorders the test might help diagnose).

**Part Three:** First Aid and Home Caregiving: Gives you step-by-step advice on how to handle injuries and emergencies including choking, bleeding, burns and heatstroke. This section includes advice on how to care for a person who is ill or disabled and modifying your home to make it easier to care for an older family member who has a disabling chronic disease such as Alzheimer's.

**Part Four:** What Are Your Symptoms? Organized like flow charts, the symptoms in this completely revised and updated section direct you through a series of questions with yes or no answers relating to specific symptoms to reach a possible diagnosis or recommendation. The charts help to know when it's important to call your doctor, when to go to a hospital emergency department, or when you can take care of the problem yourself at home.

**Part Five:** Health Issues Throughout Life: This all-new section presents comprehensive chapters on children's health, adolescent health, sexuality, infertility, pregnancy and chil

#### From the Inside Flap

The American Medical Association is the nation's premier health authority—the organization both patients and doctors look to for state-of-the-art medical information and guidance. Since its first publication in 1982, the American Medical Association Family Medical Guide has been the gold standard of home medical references for American families. The book's first three editions have sold well in excess of 2 million copies. Now, with this updated Fourth Edition, the nation's #1 health authority has completely revised its flagship guide for the first time in a decade.

This major, long-awaited revision—almost 50 percent longer than the previous edition—is brimming with up-to-date information and new features that make the book even easier to use. It offers authoritative guidance on hundreds of diseases as well as the latest tests, treatments, procedures, and drugs, and it provides new or greatly expanded coverage of weight loss, preventive health, infertility, pregnancy and childbirth, learning disabilities, genetic testing, home caregiving, and first aid, among other topics. It includes revised symptoms flowcharts, helpful Q&As, first-person case histories, 64 full-color pages including spreads on important health topics, and hundreds of new illustrations and photographs. The guide is divided into six user-friendly sections:

**Part One: What You Should Know: Information to Keep You Healthy** is a new four-color 32-page section that highlights the most important health issues including heart disease, cancer, osteoarthritis, and nutrition; provides tips for quitting smoking and staying healthy as you age; and presents a fully illustrated primer on genetics.

**Part Two: Your Healthy Body** features new chapters on topics such as diet and health, exercise and fitness, losing weight, reducing stress, staying safe, preventing violence, and complementary and alternative medicine. There's also a full-color section on preventive health care.

**Part Three: First Aid and Home Caregiving** describes first-aid techniques and procedures and gives step-by-step advice on how to provide quality home care for a family member who is ill, disabled, or recovering from surgery.

Part Four: What Are Your Symptoms? features a revised version of the AMA's highly popular diagnostic flowcharts, which guide you from specific symptoms through a series of questions to help you decide whether to treat yourself, make a doctor's appointment, or get immediate medical attention.

Part Five: Health Issues Throughout Life is an all-new section that covers children's health, adolescent health, sexuality, infertility, pregnancy and childbirth, and dying and death.

Part Six: Diseases, Disorders, and Other Problems covers all the body systems, featuring essential advice on hundreds of disorders of the heart and circulation, the brain and nervous system, the respiratory system, the digestive system, the immune system, the urinary tract, and the male and female reproductive systems. This part also covers hormonal disorders; emotional and mental health; cosmetic surgery; infections; behavioral disorders; genetic disorders; disorders of the bones, muscles, and joints; and problems with the ears, eyes, skin, and teeth.

Complete with descriptions of the 200 most frequently prescribed drugs and a glossary of common medical terms, the American Medical Association Family Medical Guide is an essential health reference every family needs.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Max Norris:**

Often the book American Medical Association Family Medical Guide, 4th Edition will bring one to the new experience of reading the book. The author style to explain the idea is very unique. In the event you try to find new book to see, this book very suitable to you. The book American Medical Association Family Medical Guide, 4th Edition is much recommended to you you just read. You can also get the e-book from official web site, so you can quicker to read the book.

#### **Sarah Davis:**

American Medical Association Family Medical Guide, 4th Edition can be one of your basic books that are good idea. Most of us recommend that straight away because this guide has good vocabulary that may increase your knowledge in language, easy to understand, bit entertaining but nevertheless delivering the information. The article author giving his/her effort that will put every word into satisfaction arrangement in writing American Medical Association Family Medical Guide, 4th Edition but doesn't forget the main position, giving the reader the hottest as well as based confirm resource data that maybe you can be certainly one of it. This great information can drawn you into brand new stage of crucial contemplating.

#### **Deborah Anderson:**

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