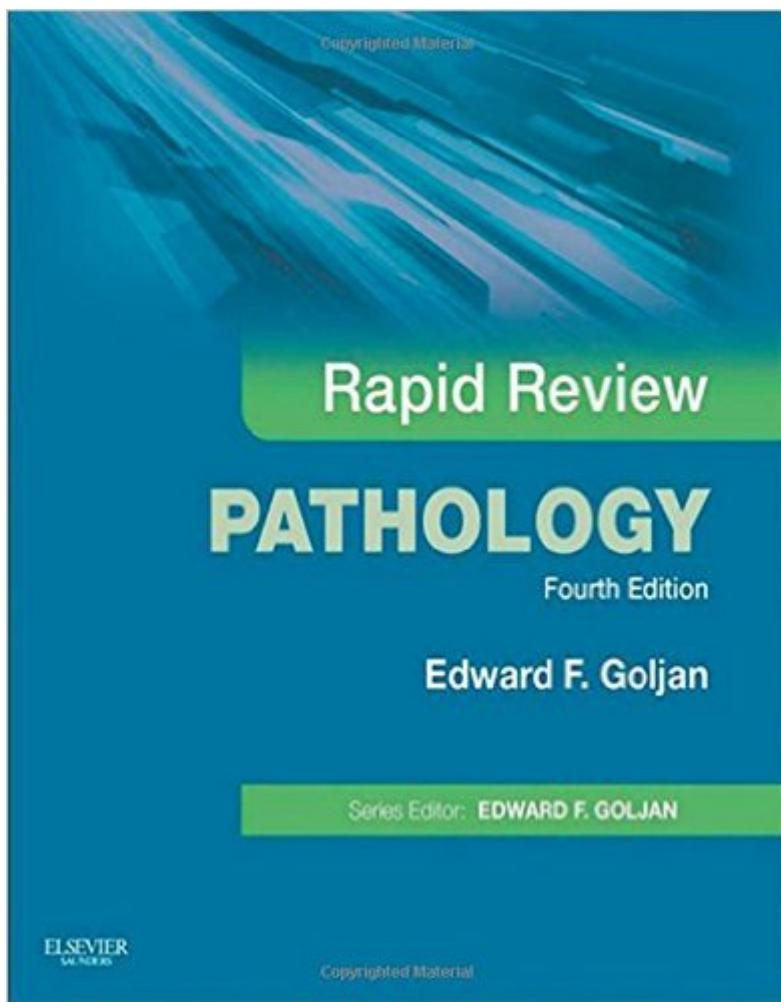


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After reading BRS and most of Robbins, this remains the strongest resource. Concise for its subject, it covers the important aspects of path while digging for those little, annoying details and disorders that only show up on board exams. Goljan is a true pro at teaching this, with several years at Kaplan and Oklahoma Osteopathic, and he has constantly been grilling students for more information after they have taken their exam. Master this book, and you will not only do well in path, but also have a good foothold in other subjects like pharm, micro, and biochem due to Goljan's ability to integrate several fields into path. His work has continued to help me in third year rotations, as he also

discusses diagnostic tests and treatments. The accompanying Q&A CD is unfortunately poorly made, but the quality of questions is very strong. I generally read Robbins or lecture material along with this text to lay a foundation for knowledge, but come test time, you want to cut the fat, and every word here is money. Try to get the accompanying audio CDs off Ebay for reinforcement. I largely credit Goljan's materials along with Robbins Review of Path (question book) for a 98 percentile on the path shelf and a 258 on Step I. This man may have taught me more academic medicine than anyone else. I truly hope you can benefit from this text as well.

I have both the 3rd edition revised reprint and the 4th edition so this review it's mainly intended to highlight the differences between the two. They're both excellent books and if you've ever read Goljan, you know what to expect. As for the differences: 1. The book is longer. By about ~150-200 pages. That may not be a good thing depending on the type of person you are and the review of pathology you want. But I find it a bit more comprehensive in explaining concepts. What is in the additional pages? Most of the addition from what I can tell and according to Goljan's acknowledgments in the cover is "more high-yield information and photographs than in previous editions." The pictures you'll notice right off the bat. There are several pictures in all corners better displaying things I had to google or reference in the past. Not really a game changer, but it makes the book feel more complete. 2. Most notable, the little blurbs he has on the sides that summarize high-yield concepts have been increased by 1.5-2x fold. It's really good if you're like myself and go back to review those concepts to make sure you got what you wanted from chapter (and your professors in year 1 tested from those blurbs). But at the same time, they become too cluttered and in a way, they subtract rather than add. Would I recommend an upgrade? Up to your style really. I own Harrison's and read that to reference things. I prefer a more dense and complete book so I really like the changes in 4th edition of this book. If you prefer shorter reviews and limited in time, maybe the 3rd is better for you? But then again, you'd be missing out on the pictures that highlight some of the pathology. The only thing I'm sad about was that I had taken notes from watching relevant Pathoma videos during first year into Goljan's 3rd edition. But I was planning to rewatch the videos anyhow, so it's another way to review the material.

This book is the best review book for pathology. For over 25 years, Dr. Goljan has accumulated "insight" from students after taking their step 1. He knows what the boards people want medical students to know and everything that could be asked on step 1 is in this book...and as pathology accounts for the majority of the test, mastering all the facts in this book will definitely help you score

high. Rapid Review Pathology reads like First Aid and is loaded with high-yield facts, BUT like First Aid it is sometimes hard to read. It is written in outline format and is more like a list of facts (like all books in the Rapid Review series). In comparison, the BRS series books are also in outline format, but the bulleted points are in complete sentences making for an easier read. Therefore, students with a weaker background in pathology will have a more difficult time getting through this book than BRS. That being said, if there were to read any book in addition to First Aid, this would be the book. It is very clinically based, it integrates info from many other subject areas, has many high-yield illustrations, and has very good clinical vignettes. The book also has wide margins where you can take notes into, which is what I'd suggest. This way you can sort of "complete" the sentences and customize the book to your own study/reading style (this is, by the way, how you should use your First Aid). I read many reviewers talking about the Goljan audio, but I have a feeling many readers may not know what that is. It's audio files taken from one of Dr. Goljan's lecture series. It follows his Rapid Review book 90% of the time and is great in understanding many of the facts he has listed in the book. You can find the audio from online med student forums, however they maybe copyrighted... in any case, if you can get your hands on them and listen to them using this rapid review book as "lecture notes" you'd definitely do well on the step. He has a way of explaining pathology (and all clinical medicine) like no other. So again, if you memorize and "understand" EVERY point in this book, and every point in First Aid, you will do well on step 1.

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