Clinical Management of Thyroid Disease, edited by Fredric E. Wondisford and Sally Radovick, 434 pp, \$99, with illus, Philadelphia, PA, Saunders (telephone: 800-545-2522), 2009, ISBN 978-1-4160-4745-2

Type and Scope of Book: A multiauthored review of the current state of knowledge regarding normal thyroid physiology and a large spectrum of thyroid disorders.

Contents: The editors assembled a team of thyroid experts to span the spectrum from normal physiology to thyroid pathology using the most up-to-date research evidence. Stated to be a “clinical resource to...translate research into practice,” the book uses primary references extensively. Most chapters start with a historical perspective that provides credit where due but move quickly to current understanding of phenomena. The book is written in a clear style and moves fluently from anatomy and physiology to pathophysiology, from intracellular level to clinical signs and treatment correlations. The clinical chapters benefit from the inclusion of pertinent clinical scenarios that nuance the main theme.

Strengths: The book is extensively referenced and up-to-date. It contains abundant detail of intracellular mechanisms and makes clinical correlations when pertinent. Additionally, it is well organized and includes color-coding for specific medical topics. Many chapters conclude with useful summary and pertinent questions for future research.

Deficiencies: More anatomy and pathology illustrations would have been beneficial. Some chapters lack summary tables, and some intracellular mechanistic figures have succinct captions that rely heavily on the text for interpretation. The book lacks an electronic version for easy point-of-care access.

Recommended Readership: Medical trainees at all levels and practicing endocrinologists with an interest in in-depth understanding of thyroid pathophysiology.

Overall Grading: ★★★★★

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Grading Key

★★★★★ = *outstanding*; ★★★★ = *excellent*; ★★★ = *good*; ★★ = *fair*; ★ = *poor*.