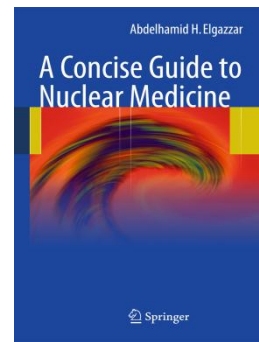


### *A Concise Guide to Nuclear Medicine*

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*The author states that this book is written “to go through with ease and yet includes the essential details” of nuclear medicine. It is aimed at students and medical professionals.*

*The first chapter discusses the background and development of nuclear medicine imaging; subsequent chapters are divided into imaging of different body systems. The quality of the chapters is variable, unfortunately that on genitourinary imaging is quite poor. The role of nuclear medicine imaging within this system is paramount and so I felt this chapter was disappointing. A normal study is usually the first example given to allow us to compare and analyse abnormalities. Unfortunately this was not provided in this chapter.*

*A lot of images in many chapters were quite small with the writing not visible and the text did not explain them adequately.*

*One of the examples of a MAG 3 renogram showed a single functioning kidney but without explanation of this. This could easily create confusion for those not sure what they are looking at. However, the chapter on GI and liver imaging was much better with good images and examples.*

*The technical information in the book is quite extensive for its size, with a lot about clinical indications. There are obvious differences between the US and UK practice that should be borne in mind by the UK reader. There is a lack of information about dose and dose reduction, an important consideration in any radiology text.*

*The book could be used as a quick guide and introduction to the modality by a medical student. However, I would not recommend this book to be used or purchased by radiologists.*

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