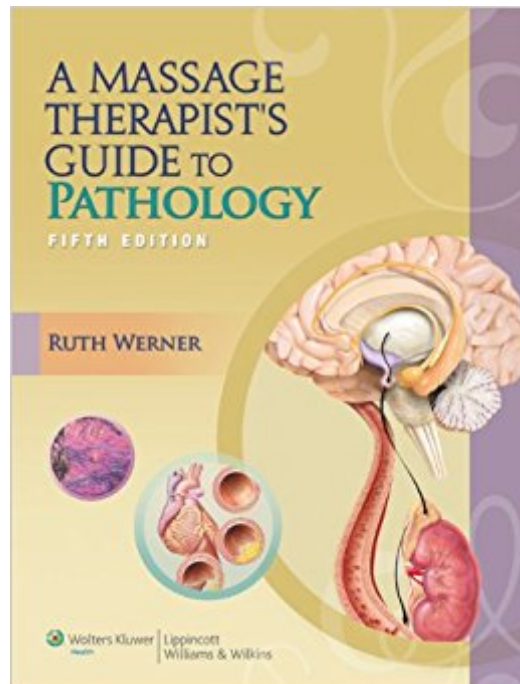




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# A Massage Therapist's Guide To Pathology, 5th Edition



## Synopsis

Set a solid foundation with the new edition of LWW's bestselling pathology text for manual therapists! This cornerstone book of the massage curriculum is the most comprehensive, visually appealing, and respected title to cover the pathologies that massage therapists must be familiar with. In the fifth edition, Ruth Werner's *A Massage Therapist's Guide to Pathology* the focus on not only explaining the disease, but also its applicability and indications in massage therapy. This text offers detailed information on the etiology, signs, symptoms, and treatment of more than 500 diseases and conditions, and also helps students discover how massage therapy influences the healing process. Organized by body system, the text features case histories in which people living and coping with many of the disease conditions covered in the text share their stories. Key Features

- An enhanced art program, featuring illustrations that capture the reader's attention and make difficult concepts easier to grasp
- A new Conditions at a Glance appendix to provide concise information on an additional 34 diseases
- There's also a new table at the end of each disease condition summarizing the benefits, risks, and options for massage therapy
- Case histories share stories of people living with conditions covered in the text to draw a real-world connection between the classroom and the clinic
- Research literacy appendix addresses the need for evidence-based massage therapy
- Compare and contrast charts present similar conditions side-by-side to help students discern the differences

This book provides comprehensive, yet concise, information on the etiology, signs, symptoms, and standard treatment approaches for more than 500 diseases and conditions. At the end of each condition, a "Risks, Benefits, Options" table provides guidance on the implications for massage. For this 5th edition, the author has thoroughly researched and updated each condition in the text. She has streamlined the information to focus on what is most useful to the massage therapy student, while maintaining the friendly and accessible style that this text is known for. Included with each book is a code for access to a host of games, exercises, quizzes, videos, and animations, all developed or selected by the author.

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Ruth Werner, I would be screaming bloody hell at the fools who have made her well-researched, respected handbook into such a clumsy dinosaur of an e-book.

Bought this book for part of my massage program. It's laid out in an easy-to-follow format. It gives you the option to either read a short synopsis of key information about each disease, which is presented in small, blue text boxes throughout each chapter (great if you're making flashcards); or you have the option to read a more in-depth section about each disease. Puts the information in the context of massage therapy and discusses the risks and benefits of each disease in terms of massage. Very important information for a future/LMT to have and I'd highly recommend checking it out.

The pathologies are NOT INCLUDED IN THE INDEX. This is completely counterintuitive. Instead, the pathologies are listed somewhere in the front (and only there). I still don't understand how a publisher can print a book with an index that excludes the most essential content. Encephalopathy is in the index. Encephalitis is not. I have to go to the front of the book for that to find the page number. It defies logic. Many of the pathologies included don't make much sense where they are (ie, scleroderma is listed as a musculoskeletal disease). The "in brief" sidebar of whether massage is indicated or contraindicated is a great idea, but is overly verbose and complex. A simplified "at a glance" format would be much easier for learning and understanding.

This was a class textbook for my massage course. I am definitely going to keep this book around after I get my license. Very useful and informative. It covers most of the major things one would encounter as a massage therapist and how to handle those situations.

As a massage therapy student and the partner of a physician, I have unique opportunity to run a lot of topics discussed in this book past a knowledgeable source. While certainly not an authoritative medical text, it is a concise, easy to understand and well organized book that belongs on the shelf of every massage therapist. The one item that is sorely lacking is any bibliography. Even some basic references for those seeking clarification or more information would be a great addition. My other suggestion would be to include a pictorial guide to common skin conditions. As therapists we often encounter skin pathologies that we are not familiar with. While of course we can not diagnose, this addition would be helpful for those concerned with the appropriateness of massage for a particular client or the possibility of being exposed to a contagious pathogen.

Well organized and concise. Many pathologies are discussed. The author get straight to the point without a lot of excess wordiness. This is very useful for Massage Therapist. I also like that she has shown photos of so many skin diseases, both contagious and non. You never know what someone will present with on your table, it is nice to be able to identify what is going on with their skin....especially if it's contagious. Also, every pathology has complete indications and contraindications listed.

I began learning Pathology in Ruth Werner's 1st edition book in massage therapy school. I just attended her continuing education class in Louisiana and can truly say that this woman is remarkable. I immediately came home and ordered this 4th edition book. Wow, has it grown. The book is everything I expected and needed. The information is so clear and easy to understand and would be very helpful to anyone who has a interest in pathology.

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