



## Press Release

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**Biomnis presents the  
MEDICAL PATHOLOGY HANDBOOK**  
The first edition of a reference work on  
medical pathology.

### **MEDICAL PATHOLOGY HANDBOOK** SPECIALISED MEDICAL PATHOLOGY

Major advances in medical pathology have contributed to the remarkable development of medicine in recent years. The number of tests available has continually increased, as has their complexity.

Pathologists are daily confronted not only with the need for precise measurements (which necessitates an understanding of the sensitivity and specificity of the technique being used) but also an appreciation of their relevance and how to interpret the results in terms of the disease in question. This means understanding current physiological knowledge and the relevant pathology.

The challenge taken on in this book is to bring together—in concise and lucid form—descriptions of 500 specialised tests, each following the same lay-out. Each sheet gives a definition and synonyms, a review of the relevant pathology, reasons for ordering the test ("prescription justification"), pre-test recommendations (failure to comply with which could compromise the validity of the results), and normal readings. The "Questions for the Patient" section contains information that can be useful or essential when it comes to interpretation. Each sheet reviews physiological and pathological variations, and gives a list of medicinal products which might interfere with the results. Taken together, all this information provides an indispensable aid to interpretation.

Compiled by specialists who carry out these tests on a day-to-day basis with input from their medical colleagues under the aegis of a Scientific Committee (Professors MM Samama, D. Germain, J. Ingrand and P. Kamoun), this book aims to become the pathologists most useful source of information. The purpose is to update knowledge, provide information and furnish advice on prescription, diagnosis and treatment monitoring in a context of modern medicine based on experts' consensus positions.



It is easy to use with the Test Sheets presented in alphabetical order. Most titles correspond to the name of the specialised test while some are classified under the name of the relevant disease or the causative pathogen.

E.g. Tests: aldosterone, anti-Xa activity, ...

Pathogens: arbovirus, HIV, ...

Diseases: paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria, bartonellosis, ...

A very comprehensive index at the end makes it easy to find any particular test quickly and also points the reader to other, related sheets.

In conclusion, the Medical Pathology Handbook represents a precious aid to everyday practice for all pathologists and professional health care providers for whom medical pathology has become essential.

The book is designed to be dynamic, to be constantly improving and to accommodate new tests. Comments may be found at the laboratory's site (<http://www.biomnis.com>). It will be regularly updated as knowledge advances in the various fields of biology and testing as well as in response to readers' suggestions.

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### **About Biomnis**

*The leading French specialised medical pathology laboratory which resulted from the merger of Marcel Mérieux and LCL, Biomnis has more than 1,000 employees in France and performs nearly 40,000 tests a day, including highly specialised procedures for which it has all the required accreditations.*

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